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CBR-001	St Kilda Primary School principal and the reverend from Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood church	Requests converting a section of Dickens Street, St Kilda into a community play space. This would potentially enable the school to utilise this space during school times to expand their playground, while providing an additional open space asset for the community. This pilot would test the feasibility to close a section of Dickens Street to create a permanent new pocket park.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. This initiative is not identified in our draft Public Space Strategy or Integrated Transport Strategy as a priority project. Consequently, there is no proposal for Council to fund a pilot to convert Dickens Street into a community play space in 2020/21.
CBR-002	Middle Park Bowls Club	Requests Council contribution of \$2.5m in 2020/2021 for the development as a whole, offset by components that may attract separate funding such as Female friendly facilities, Environmental Sustainability Design etc.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. As the building is not on Council owned or managed land, your request did not get included in the Budget for 2020/21. However, Council agreed on 17 June to submit an application to the Victorian Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for funding.
CBR-003	Albert Park Bowls Club	Requests Council support in planning, permitting and approvals for Phase 1 of the project: creation of female-only change rooms and remediation of current toilet facilities (\$150,000 in 2020/21)	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. There is no proposal for Council to fund a Phase 1 of the project. However, Council officers will dedicate time to assess and consider further support required at this site.
CBR-004	Power House Rugby Union Club	Requests financial support from Council to construct a new sports pavilion at Albert Park plans to women's team having their own change facilities. Also requests whether Port Phillip will require payment from the Club for the planning permit application?	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. As the building is not on Council owned or managed land, your request did not get included in the Budget for 2020/21. However, Council agreed on 17 June to submit an application to the Victorian Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for funding.
CBR-005	Elwood College	Elwood College is seeking a \$500,000 contribution from Port Phillip (with the aim of applying for matching funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria) for outdoor courts extension, roof and lighting project at the Phoenix Centre (Elwood College Community Sport and Arts Centre)	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. As the building is not on Council owned or managed land, your request did not get included in the Budget for 2020/21.
CBR-006	JAAG	Dandenong Rd/Wellington St upgrade - would like this to proceed	Note request	The Council Plan includes \$470,000 in the 2020/21 budget to complete the project.
CBR-006	JAAG	Requests levelling/repair of the Lilydale topping walking paths in Alma Park West (see line marking below) as the surface has been badly broken up by trucks driving over it, weight it clearly was not designed to handle	Note request	Following assessment of the granitic sand path installed in 2015/16, we acknowledge repairs are required, to be completed by 30 June 2021 and funded from the Parks Furniture and Path renewal budget.

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CBR-006	JAAG	<p>Work on a Masterplan for St Kilda Junction with Department of Transport and all relevant State Government Agencies who have a stake holding in St Kilda Junction.</p> <p>Work with Department of Transport on DDA compliance of St Kilda Junction tram stop 131 (at Fitzroy St/St Kilda Rd intersection) and either removal of St Kilda Junction pedestrian underpass tram stop 30 and closure of tunnels to pedestrians or bring tram stop 30 up to DDA compliance.</p> <p>Work with Department of Transport to install a pedestrian crossing at grade from east to west on the north side of St Kilda Junction mirroring that of the south side pedestrian crossing from Wellington Street to Fitzroy Street.</p>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>The St Kilda Junction upgrade project has been removed from the Council Plan until further notice, as it is difficult for us to deliver given that we do not own the assets and currently don't have Victorian Government buy-in. Council continues to advocate to the Victorian Government for a St Kilda Junction masterplan. Council has commissioned background studies, and officers have collaborated with the Department of Transport (DoT) on a Movement and Place vision for the Junction. Unfortunately, DoT has no further funding committed to progress work towards a masterplan at this stage.</p> <p>Both Council and DoT recognise that the tram stop in 'the dip' at the St Kilda Junction is not accessible for people with mobility impairments and that the preferred long term option is for relocation of this stop. Tram infrastructure upgrades are subject to Victorian Government investment and no funding was provided in the previous state budget for new tram stop upgrades. Council is planning art installations to improve the amenity of the underpasses and walls under the Junction and officers are investigating DDA improvements around the Junction.</p> <p>There are limiting reasons for installing a pedestrian crossing at grade from east to west on the north side of St Kilda Junction mirroring that of the south side pedestrian crossing from Wellington Street to Fitzroy Street. Council is seeking to work in partnership with the Major Road Projects Victoria on the St Kilda Road central bike lane project. As part of this project Council will seek improved crossing opportunities across and through St Kilda Junction.</p> <p>Officers have put forward an option in the Council report for consideration to allocate \$100,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to address the highest priority DDA and accessibility issues in and around the St Kilda Junction. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>

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CBR-006	JAAG	Requests a review and update as a result of the changing landscape in this narrow one-way street due to the number of developments that have occurred and increase in the number of cars, including: o illegal use by motorists through the private 69 Wellington St. o parking is not controlled frequently enough and is no at its limit. o the speed limit is not adhered to and requests road calming measures.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>We acknowledge that some drivers are using the driveway of 69 Wellington Street to access Nelson Street and travel illegally in the wrong direction. Although illegal, unfortunately Council cannot control or dictate the behaviour of people completing this vehicle movement. As a moving traffic offence, this can only be enforced by the Victorian Police and securing officer resources for this offence is unlikely. Council has already installed One Way signs to direct drivers. Ultimately the use of private driveways, such as at 69 Wellington Street, must be managed by the body corporate and property owner/tenant. Council officers are more than willing and available to provide advice if approached.</p> <p>A parking investigation of Nelson St and Wellington St was carried out in February 2020 to determine current occupancy levels. The results generally showed acceptable levels of occupancy with greater parking availability in the evenings and weekends, particularly Sundays. Changes to existing parking controls to include evenings and weekends are therefore not supported. Council's parking enforcement officers will continue to monitor and enforce parking restrictions.</p> <p>Traffic surveys were undertaken in October 2019 and revealed that the majority of motorists travel below the speed limit. Tree planting and kerb extensions have been constructed on Wellington St in recent years to help reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety. Works at the intersection of Wellington Street and Dandenong Road are budgeted for 20/21 financial year and have are designed to help reduce traffic speeds entering Wellington Street.</p>
CBR-006	JAAG	Requests security lighting and safety flood lighting along the Charnwood Rd park to make this section safer at night.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	There is no budget in the 2020/21 financial year to increase lighting along Charnwood Road. Officers have assessed that the footpath is sufficiently lit by street lights on the other side of Charnwood Road and a floodlight from Crimea Street that lights the corner of the reserve.
CBR-006	JAAG	Requests funding from Council to upgrade the triangle reserve on the corner of Chapel & Wellington Street, St Kilda adjacent to the Astor Theatre. This request is supported by the owner of the Astor (Ralaran Nominees P/L) and has the in-principle support of Palace Cinemas and St. Michael's School.	Note request	<p>\$20,000 has been allocated in the Budget 2020/21 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widen the footpath on the corner of Chapel allowing for a relocated bench, and new bike hoops servicing the Astor with possible additional bench.</li> <li>• Prune or remove all, or some of the trees along the wall – trees on site require further assessment to determine viability.</li> <li>• Install a couple of specimen trees which will require limited maintenance, and will establish into quality trees. Potential for drought tolerant underplanting.</li> <li>• Install an edge to the mulched area to prevent mulch spilling onto the footpath.</li> <li>• Look for opportunities for third party funding for a mural to mitigate graffiti risk, possibly movie themed.</li> </ul> <p>As the investment would take place on VicRoads land and adjacent to the Astor Theatre, this project require Heritage Victoria and DoT approval.</p>
CBR-007	WW2 Commemorative Committee	Seeks Council funding for the completion of the remembrance garden in the railway reserve along Station Street, Port Melbourne. \$22,000 is sought for design, production and installation of five interpretive panels / plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	An initiative such as this would normally come out of the Art & Heritage Collection maintenance and upgrade budget. In response to the a significant reduction in Council revenues between April 2020 and June 2021 due to COVID-19, the Art and Heritage Collection maintenance and upgrade budget has been reduced by 50% in in 2020/21 to \$54,000. The reduced budget will be prioritised to fund major conservation works already underway to the South African War Memorial.

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CBR-008	Individual	Requests that Buckingham Reserve is given highest priority. If rationalisation of project is required that priority is toward basketball hoop, play equipment and irrigation system.	Note request	While funding for the Parks & Playgrounds program has been reduced in 2020/21, the priority initiative in that program will be the Buckingham Reserve.
CBR-009	Individual	Requests that Buckingham Reserve is given highest priority. If rationalisation of project is required that priority is toward basketball hoop, play equipment and irrigation system.	Note request	While funding for the Parks & Playgrounds program has been reduced in 2020/21, the priority initiative in that program will be the Buckingham Reserve.
CBR-010	SouthPort Community Centre	Seeks continued support from CoPP for the SouthPort Community Centre.	Note request	Our current service level agreement with the SouthPort Community Centre is not due for renewal until 30 June 2024. There is no proposal in the Budget 2020/21 to change the current level of funding that you currently receives from Council of \$79,000.
CBR-011	OPCC	Seeks improved street safety and amenities- streetlights, footpaths, outdoor seating	Note request	Council proposes to continue its footpath, park lighting and furniture renewal programs. However, the amounts to be included in the Budget 2020/21 are expected to be less than in previous years for footpath and street and park furniture, predominantly due to a loss in delivery productivity (incl. issues with upstream supply chains) but also in response to the significant financial gap caused from reduced revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in the case of the footpath renewal program, outer years expenditure will increase to keep the same investment level over 10 years. Additionally, the footpath program will be reviewed each quarter and funding brought forward if it is possible to bring additional initiatives forward. In the case of park lighting, Council is planning on increasing expenditure by \$1.1 million over two years, which includes addressing a safety issue for 98 lighting poles along the Bay Trail South of Elwood canal to Elwood Angling Club. Council is also planning on spending approximately \$2 million over the next 3 years to upgrade major road lighting to energy efficient LEDs, with improvements in safety and visibility as lights are changed from orange to white light.
CBR-011	OPCC	Requests housing and homelessness initiatives, particularly the impact on older women.	Note request	Council's In Our Backyard Strategy identifies the increasing incidence of homelessness of older women aged 55+. This cohort is one of four target groups identified for the delivery of new social and affordable housing. Previous initiatives delivered under the IOBY program includes a 'pop-up' housing project in South Melbourne which created accommodation for 38 older women. Initiatives within the IOBY program for 20/21 include housing that would respond to the growing number of rough sleepers (including older women). A budget allocation of \$150,000 is proposed in 2020/21 to progress delivery of new housing projects. Council's affordable housing program more generally plays a role in the facilitation of new and refurbished community housing, with a number of recent projects specifically targeting older single women e.g. The Regal (Housing First), Beach House and Barkley Street (both St Kilda Community Housing). Redevelopment of Emerald Street South Melbourne (SouthPort Community Housing Group), which has just been successful in receiving Social Housing Growth Funding, also predominantly houses older persons. Furthermore, Council's negotiation of Voluntary Housing Agreements at Fishermans Bend is also including provision for this cohort (across the spectrum of very low, low and moderate income persons). Council's Housing and Homelessness Service also assist people to access affordable accommodation, with 60% of clients being older women.
CBR-011	OPCC	Asks if Council will continue to provide Aged Care services and subsidies to the same level as previous years or higher.	Note request	There are no plans to cease services where we have contract with Government including Aged care services. The current contracts are set to end 30 June 2022.

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CBR-011	OPCC	Requests provision of health and wellbeing opportunities for older people- eg funding exercise programs, funding social inclusion projects such as the unique Linking Neighbours program, Seniors festival, library services.	Note request	There are no plans to cease Linking Neighbours or the Seniors' Festival although the latter will have to be re-imagined. We are awaiting advice from the State Government in relation to re-opening Libraries and will need to re-open on a staggered basis whilst implementing the likely restrictions required for us to operate. We hope to build up to all Libraries operating fully as soon as we are able and will also be taking a Library Action Plan to Council before seeking consultation from the Community. This plan will form the basis of our Libraries strategy for the next 3 years. As a result of COVID-19 we will be increasing our home delivery offering and also implementing a 'request and collect' service which will allow library members to reserve items and pick them up from the front of branches so that they don't need to enter. This will hopefully mitigate some of the issues expected with patron restrictions required when re-opening.
CBR-011	OPCC	Seeks Council continuing to mitigate the impact of Climate Change on older people	Note request	Council proposes to provide a range of climate change programs to the community which will also support older people. This will include programs to educate community about in home energy efficiency which will increase comfort during heat waves, guidance on purchasing renewable energy or installing solar power and grants for installation of solar systems on low income homes. We will also continue to increase canopy cover through tree planting to cool our city and will undertake a number of strategic planning projects to help us prepare for the effects of climate change on urban heat and flooding. Subject to there being funding available we intend to repeat the funding to Port Phillip Community Group for heatwave packs for people who are homeless or insecure housing to mitigate the mortality risks of extreme heat to those residents.
CBR-011	OPCC	Provide accessible information for Older People on services and amenities	Note request	Our plan is to continue to make information as accessible to all groups including older people as possible and work is underway to improve our website. We are also seeking funding opportunities from government to improve digital access for those who have lack the skills and equipment.
CBR-012	BBBJ	Requests Council support for a replacement structure for the Brookes Jetty	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council strategically prioritises its expenditure so that it can continue to operate in a financial sustainable manner. This is more relevant in 2020/21, as we have experienced significant losses in Council revenue due to COVID-19. This initiative is not identified as a priority strategic project it is not our asset and that we are likely to be left with the ongoing maintenance cost and liability. Officers estimate at a minimum, it would require \$100,000 of Council funding for architects, marine engineers, specialist quantity surveyors etc. to develop a realistic and costed project, which could then be used for further advocacy to the Victorian Government. Melbourne Water has also confirmed they have no plans to include a replacement jetty in their project and the initiative is unlikely to meet the terms of the \$1.8 million Federal Gov't stimulus package. Vic Gov't has informed us they have no plans for a replacement jetty at that site and focus is on St Kilda Pier.
CBR-013	Individual	Supports free entry to Ripponlea Gardens	Note request	There is provision in the Budget 2020/21 to extend free entry to Port Phillip residents into the Ripponlea Gardens.
CBR-013	Individual	Asks why Divercity funding is being cut	Note request	Council agreed to discontinue Divercity as a print publication and move to an online version, noting Council will make physical copies available at libraries and community centres.

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CBR-014	BCNA	<p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a traffic survey with the Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) to better understand traffic flows with a view to identifying steps to improve flow and functioning of the entire area.</li> <li>• Council actively review alternative routes to take cyclists away from Stop 129, Beacon Cove, on the 109 service.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Joint Traffic survey with the Victorian Ports Corporation</p> <p>Council has worked with VicPorts and TT-lines to improve local traffic congestion proximate to Station Pier during recent cruise shipping seasons. Congestion had previously been observed on critical cruise shipping days when a cruise ship turnaround visits coincides with a double sailing by TT-line. The extended Traffic Management Plan at the Beach Street and Princes Street roundabout has reduced and managed the impact cruise shipping operations had on the local road network and the residential amenity of the area during the 2019/20 season.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, cruise ship operations are currently suspended. No formal announcement has been made regarding if these services will recommence for the 2020/21 cruise shipping season. The current travel restrictions has resulted in reduced passenger numbers and reduced passenger vehicles for TT-lines. Any traffic surveys undertaken during the COVID-19 will not reflect typical operating conditions.</p> <p>In April 2020, TT-line announced the relocation of their Victorian port operations from Station Pier, Port Melbourne to Geelong in 2022. The relocation is likely to result in reduced traffic congestion within the Waterfront Place precinct. Temporary measures implemented during recent cruise shipping seasons are considered appropriate to manage traffic impacts on the local road network until TT-lines permanently relocate their operations to Geelong.</p> <p>If operations return to normal during 2020/21, Council's Transport team will monitor and work with both stakeholders to alleviate Station Pier traffic impacts on the road network.</p> <p>Alternative routes to take cyclists away from Stop 129, Beacon Cove, on the 109 service</p> <p>The existing off-road Bay Trail bike path connects to the Sandridge Trail by cyclists crossing adjacent to the pedestrian crossing that extends across Waterfront Place. Re-diverting the bike path to follow Beach Street at the Princes Street/Beach Street roundabout cannot be supported for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclists currently connect to the Sandridge Trail from the Bay Trail via an off-road path. The proposed connection requires cyclists to negotiate the roundabout and presents additional risk to cyclists.</li> <li>• Rediverting cyclists on road is likely to increase cyclist and vehicle conflict along Beach Street.</li> <li>• Narrow path widths are likely to result in increased conflict with traffic and parking for on road paths and pedestrians on a shared path on Beach Street.</li> <li>• Substantial costs are expected to redivert the bike path that may not result in any changes to cyclist's behaviour.</li> </ul> <p>Further correspondence received from the you on 19 June 2020 since the budget submission made on 19 March 2020, indicated support for officer's recommendations at a presentation on 30 April 2020 not to redivert the bike path. Officers will investigate external funding opportunities provided by TAC to improve conditions at the shared space adjacent to the 109 tram terminus.</p>
CBR-014	BCNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing co-operative action by the City of Port Phillip with VicPorts and the Victorian Government, as the entire area requires review and planning to improve functioning.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>This land isn't managed by Council so we will wait until we receive more information from VicPorts about the future of this site. In the meantime, we're staying in contact with VicPorts, the Victorian Government and local residents about the future of the wider Waterfront Place precinct, including the pier and the TT Lines staging area (who operate Spirit of Tasmania).</p>

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CBR-014	BCNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>renewal of this road surface between Bay Street and Waterfront Place as this is uneven and appears to be worsening.</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	We have a 10-year asset management plan for all of our asset classes which is reviewed annually to enable us to plan for the required renewal works each year. The assets are subject to condition inspections which are scheduled according to the asset management plan and Council sets an intervention level for each asset class. Our renewal works are prioritised based on the condition rating received and the intervention level. Assets above or approaching the intervention level are given a higher priority for delivery. Road condition audits completed in 2019 indicated that the particular road segment of Beach St ranged between good and fair condition. Council's road asset engineer has also recently been to examine the site and confirmed the condition, however acknowledged that some minor maintenance works such as sealing the cracks, should to be undertaken on the segment between Bay and Nott St with the recommendation that this maintenance work be undertaken during 2020/21 and a request will be passed on to Council's Infrastructure Maintenance team. The remainder of the segment is in good condition and does not require any intervention.
CBR-014	BCNA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>commends Council for devoting increased resources to the problem and recommends that Council continue to devote increased resources to graffiti removal and prevention.</li> </ul>	Note request	Council has increased the graffiti removal budget by \$25,000 in 2020/21 to reflect the increasing cost of delivering this service. In addition, there is an allocation of \$81,000 for the Graffiti Management Street Art Program – which will result in new public art in graffiti-prone areas.
CBR-015	Acland St Village Business Association	Requests the establishment of a Business Advisory Group including representatives from the traders of the wider municipality and Council to enact programs that will enhance and promote business within the whole municipality. Destination marketing and business support and development is vital to their ongoing success. A Business Advisory Group would follow on and enhance any Place Making efforts to date but provide a more cohesive and municipality wide outlook.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Officers have put forward an option for Councillor consideration regarding establishment of a Business Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from the three business associations, together with a broader range of business representatives across the Municipality and Councillors. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.
CBR-015	Port Melbourne Business Association	See above	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	see CBR-015
CBR-015	Fitzroy St Traders Association	See above	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	see CBR-015
CBR-016	Upstride Agency and Andiamo Projects	Noted a budget line item for \$150,000 in the Economic and Social Recovery program for mechanisms that support and promote businesses within the City of Port Phillip and encourage visitation particularly Sept-Dec 2020. Has provided a concept for Council consideration (cost at around \$60,000) for a Christmas event activation designed at both promoting local business and also encouraging visitors during this time.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Officers have put forward an option in the Council report for consideration to establish a Business Advisory Group, consisting of representatives from the three business associations, together with a broader range of business representatives across the Municipality and Councillors. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.

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CBR-017	Individual	<p>Would like Council or its agents to stop using leaf blowers. Their use is detrimental to the environment in many ways. They use fossil fuels. They create serious noise pollution. Their operators wear masks, but people in the street are not protected from the dust they send into the air. They are clearly not good for the health of their operators. If the same people were using rakes they would improve their fitness.</p>	Note request	<p>We use a variety of electric and diesel-powered blowers to clean debris from public realms, and shifting organic material from footpaths, nature strips and beneath parked vehicles, onto the road where they can be collected and removed by our street sweeping vehicles.</p> <p>Under our Sustainable Environment Strategy 'Act and Adapt', we aspire to converting from all diesel-powered tooling to an electric option, where an electric option is available and where it meets the operational requirements. To date, Council has purchased and trialed a number of electric blowers, but found their capacity to be less than that of the diesel option. This has adversely impacted on service delivery. We are continuing to monitor market developments and will make the full conversion when a suitable electric blower is available. While market conditions are currently not conducive to a fully electric model just yet, we will continue to progress towards carbon-free alternatives .</p> <p>Our staff do use rakes where is appropriate and it is safe to do so, but there are limitations when working around parked vehicles and due to the very high volumes of debris and leaves that are collected. As an example of the large volumes, typically in the April to July period we call 'leaf season,' Council collects 10,000 cubic meters of material - enough to fill three and a half Olympic-sized swimming pools with leaves. On average each month we collect 375 tonnes of material from the streets alone.</p>

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CBR-018	Individual	<p>Suggested the following for addressing the \$32 million financial gap due to COVID-19 pandemic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lay off half the staff, put them on the Job Keeper scheme.</li> <li>2. Reduce services to the basic minimum, that his keep the streets clean and the parks in order.</li> <li>3. Divest yourselves of Council owned property NOT essential to basic services.</li> <li>4. Refuse to pay the landfill levy or any other government levy until good times return.</li> <li>5. Terminate all contracts/ associations with external consultants and demand more from your in house specialists and department heads</li> <li>6. Gradually move out of the welfare sector, this is not for local councils, leave it to the State and Commonwealth governments and the charities.</li> <li>7. Cut the councillors expenses by 50%.</li> <li>8. Requests a progress report in 6 months with evidence of significant achievement in savings.</li> <li>9. Requests Council to consider rate reductions in these difficult times. When are the next property valuations to be undertaken and what rate increase might we expect. Keep in mind these valuations should accurately reflect the current real estate values.</li> <li>10. Please sack, or if this is not possible, re deploy the 4 hi vis employees walking about our streets spraying telegraph posts and rubbing them with rags.</li> <li>11. Is opposed to councillors transferring sole decision making power to the mayor. Hopefully this is no longer contemplated.</li> </ol>	Note request	<p>1. Council employees are our most essential resource, enabling the delivery of a broad range of services. In response to the financial impact of COVID-19 council has been strategical reviewing all positions to ensure that our organisation has the skills and experience to meet changing community needs and expectations and importantly that we can help our community to respond and recover from COVID-19. We have also looked at what capability and capacity is required to support our current Council and what will be required to support a new Council and implementation of major pieces of legislation such as the Local Government Act. The budget includes a net reduction of 55 Full Time Equivalent positions. Council staff are not eligible for Job Keeper scheme.</p> <p>2. &amp; 6. A new Council is elected every four years representing the views of our community. The Council Plan is then endorsed by the new Council which sets out what we want to achieve for the City of Port Phillip and how we will support the current and future health and wellbeing of the City and its people. The Budget 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million of service level reductions based on strategic review of council services.</p> <p>3. We actively manage our property portfolio to maximise value for the community overall. Where a property is considered to be surplus, it is divested. For instance, 8 York Street, St Kilda West was recently sold.</p> <p>4. Landfill levies are collected by the landfill operator who remits the levy to the Victorian Government. If council refuse to pay, we will not be able to access the landfill tip to disposal of household waste.</p> <p>5. All major contracts are put to the market to ensure we achieve value for money. They are binding agreements. That said, we have reached out to our suppliers for financial relief with varying degree of success.</p> <p>7. We comply with regulations and guidelines provided by the Victorian Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of councillors expenses are related to Councillor allowances which is set by the Victorian Government.</li> <li>• Councillors are entitled to be reimbursed for any necessary out of pocket expenses they incur while performing their duty as a councillor in accordance with our policy and are published in the annual report.</li> </ul> <p>Budget 2020/21 includes \$34,000 budget reductions to councillor training, conferences and professional fees.</p> <p>8. All efficiency savings are embedded in the annual budget. Budget 2020/21 includes \$5.6 million of efficiency savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</p> <p>9. We acknowledge that there are sections of our community being impacted by COVID-19. The budget includes a \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19. Property valuations are conducted annually by the Valuer-General Victoria as the valuation authority. A revaluation occurs in January each year to be used to determine the proportion of rates you pay relative to the other property owners in the financial year following the revaluation. The striking of the rates is scheduled on the 19 August 2020 the same council meeting for Budget 2020/21 adoption. Your rates notice will be sent most likely in late August to early September.</p> <p>10. These workers are funded by the Victorian government as part of their COVID-19 package to support those who have lost their job.</p> <p>11. There is no capacity for the Mayor to legally receive the power to make formal decisions on behalf of Council.</p>

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CBR-019	St Kilda Legal Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is concerned to learn of the proposal to discontinue funding for Southport Community Legal Service (Southport) and the impact potential closure may have on the service's current clients and their catchment community.</li> <li>• Confirms that without additional funding, St Kilda Legal Service (SKLS) would not have the capacity to expand their current catchment from as early as July 2020 to provide legal services to residents in Southport's current catchment of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend. Believes</li> <li>• Believes this is an important opportunity for council to consider how it allocates funding towards community legal service delivery. We believe City of Port Phillip funding and support for community legal service delivery should:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• benefit all residents of the City of Port Phillip and not just residents within the Southport catchment suburbs of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Southbank and Fisherman's Bend</li> <li>• be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Notes the City of Port Phillip does not currently provide SKLS with funding for legal service delivery or other resourcing support. .</li> </ul>	Note request	Funding for SouthPort Community Legal Service was reinstated in the draft Budget 2020/21 following community feedback in May on the proposal.
CBR-020	West St Kilda Residents Association	<p>Been made aware of resident concerns about toilets in the Fitzroy Street/ West St Kilda area. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) proposed new toilet in Fitzroy Street;</li> <li>2) the look and condition of the toilet block at the end of Cowderoy Street in the nature strip on Beaconsfield Parade; and</li> <li>3) the 'public' toilet which was part of the Metropol development.</li> </ol>	Note request	<p>Council completed a feasibility study in 2019 of possible locations along Fitzroy St for public toilet provision which identified their constraints and provided recommendations on the most suitable locations. Unfortunately the preferred locations are not within Council's land ownership and approval has not been granted from the land owner to utilise these spaces. We are therefore currently revisiting alternative locations and working with key stakeholders to determine an appropriate site. This has unfortunately delayed design development and we would not be ready to commence construction until the start of the 2021 calendar year at the earliest. Due to the current budget pressures we have had to reprioritise the implementation of the public toilet plan for 2020/21 and have prioritised Sandbar, Waterfront Place and Shakespeare Grove ahead of Fitzroy St. We have included provision for construction of a new public amenity in Fitzroy Street in the 2021/22 budget, following completion of the design development.</p> <p>Thank you for raising the issue with the toilet block in the Beaconsfield nature strip at the end of Cowderoy Street. We acknowledge that this facility requires work and maintenance works on this block commenced on Monday 15 June as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting of block</li> <li>• High pressure blasted clean of floor</li> <li>• Graffiti removed</li> <li>• New floor drain installed as old one was causing blockages.</li> </ul> <p>The Public toilet in the Metropol was closed to the public due to the safety risks for users. These risks are unable to be mitigated satisfactorily and so the toilets must remain closed to the public. Council is working on an alternative provision of public toilets for the area.</p>

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CBR-021	St Kilda Beach Traders - Luna Park, Beachcomber, Stokehouse, Sea Baths, Donovans	Writes in petition of the urgent removal of all rates and lease costs for the St Kilda Beach Traders for 2020 with review for 2021. Requests: • All foreshore businesses Council Rates be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended. • All foreshore businesses Council lease rentals be waived from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; and reviewed on 1 December 2020 to determine if a waiver for 2021 should be extended. This is in line with the Victorian rent relief for similar business on crown leases managed by DELWP	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	We acknowledge the foreshore businesses are doing it tough and the future presents significant challenges. The package of measures in the budget have been designed to be consistent, fair and targeted to parts of community most in need across business, community organisations and residential ratepayers.  We have extended our rate deferral scheme to commercial ratepayers and their tenants, which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments. Operators, which are tenants in Council properties have been offered rent relief in excess of the government's national tenancy code of conduct. Council will monitor until end of September when the code is scheduled to come to an end and assess whether further relief is required.  We have also extended rent relief/stallholder fee relief to Council's commercial tenants and South Melbourne Market stallholders to 31 December 2020 in response to the recent Stage 4 lockdowns. Our ability to align rent relief with that offered on crown leases is limited, as we are operating in rate capped environment, which restricts our ability in the future to raise revenue to meet any relief provided in the short and medium term.
CBR-022	Fitzroy St Traders Association	Wishes for the City of Port Phillip to retain funding for Renew Australia. The FSBA would be willing to contribute the outstanding \$75,000 to bring Renew to fruition. Strongly believes that Renew is the most promising initiative to come from Placemaking and shall offer a long lasting benefit for the area.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Officers have put forward an option in the Council report for consideration to match funding by the Fitzroy Street Traders Association to reinstate the initiative to reactivate Fitzroy Street in the post-COVID-19 recovery (\$75,000). Officers to seek Victorian Government funding for the second year. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.
CBR-023	Individual	• Disclosure - requests a summary breakdown of services and spending for A) wards and B) regions within the wards so it is transparent to residents of the budgeted services allocated geographically.	Note request	The amount of Council provided services used by our ratepayers vary according to individual circumstances. It is expected that ratepayers will use most of council services in their lifetime. It is not possible to accurately breakdown services and spending based on wards as council services are generally provided for the whole municipality. Further, it would be administratively and costly to implement a system to do this.
CBR-023	Individual	• St Kilda Triangle - does not support Council continuing to invest in this project like this that are heavily tourism focused unless its fully funded by State/Commonwealth funded, as it can become too reliant on tourist dollars and post card image.	Note request	There is no funding allocated in the Budget 2020/21 or in the 10 year projections for St Kilda Triangle. However, the St Kilda Triangle does remain a long term development opportunity for the City of Port Phillip and Council will continue to look at ways to partner with the State Government to decide a future use for the site consistent with the adopted 2016 masterplan.

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CBR-023	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks whether Council is open to making a submission for State Government through the Pocket Park initiative funding for Jim Duggan Reserve and Alma Park - Perimeter fence.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The pocket park funding was limited to two parks within the Albert Park electorate and we have already been successful for two sites and \$1.3 million funding during Stage 1 of this program. To be eligible for funding the projects needed to create new spaces not upgrade existing as you have proposed for Jim Duggan Reserve. Improvements to Jim Duggan Reserve would get delivered through our Parks and Playgrounds program. The Council budget has prioritised other playground sites in the municipality that are a higher need of upgrade.</p> <p>Council has identified an alternate site for a dog park as the expectation of this funding is a dedicated dog park, not fencing the boarder of an existing park. Alma Park is a large public space and it is the responsibility of dog owners to keep their animals under control, especially around moving vehicles.</p>

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CBR-023	Individual	<p>• Comments that Council's support for business enablement, innovation, attracting industry and commercial businesses, and providing ongoing support to businesses beyond just hospitality/tourism/creative, is relatively poor compared to other councils across Melbourne (City of Melbourne, City of Stonnington, City of Yarra, Bayside etc). It relies too heavily on the tourism/hospitality dollar, there is an opportunity to attract and create a thriving business services hub.</p> <p>• Economic Stimulus and survival business initiative - seems to be heavily focused on arts, hospitality and retail sector, and has very little effort or support for other services businesses which are significant employers and contributors to the local economy. Grants for businesses to set up in the local area, employing more people, setting up new tech hubs or HQ could be great focus and opportunity particularly around South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend precincts.</p> <p>• Small Business Victoria - Small business Victoria has been offering excellent support for industry and business, in collaboration with many Councils (City of Melbourne, and few others) across Metro Melbourne. Would like the City of Port Phillip to collaborate more with Small Business Victoria.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>The budget for 2020/21 includes \$150,000 towards developing and implementing with businesses a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months. This could include access to information, attraction activities as well as regular engagement with key stakeholders. We are looking to open communication with more of our key industry sectors that drive business and jobs within municipality which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Professional, Scientific and Technical Services incl Computer System Design and Related Services</li> <li>* Finance, Insurance and Superannuation Services</li> <li>* Administrative Services</li> <li>* Building &amp; Construction Services</li> <li>* Food and Beverage Services</li> </ul> <p>The program will leverage the attributes of our municipality to ensure these sectors continue to thrive, be attracted to our community, and provide the desired foot traffic and vibrancy to support 2nd and 3rd tier businesses and precincts such as retail and personal services. The program will engage and build strong relationships with the local business community so we have a thorough understanding of their needs, wants and access to local data.</p> <p>Initiatives may include: Officers working with the non-residential ratepaying community on designing a support program to facilitate business attraction and investment; working with local entrepreneurs, creatives and social enterprises on building their customer base; communications and engagement; working with tourism industry participants to source and facilitate ideas to attract intrastate visits.</p> <p>Business Grants are not being considered at this time as (we do not have enough funds to make a difference) and we do not want to repeat to work of other levels of Govt e.g. \$5,000 grants under the Business Support Fund - Expansion program. Officers are meeting with SBV in late August to discuss how we can work together more. Council will not duplicate the efforts and programs of SBV but does encourage our local businesses to apply for their grants and participate.</p>
CBR-024	Individual	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Council's \$2.75 million commitment to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building is subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. The 2020/21 budget includes an allocation of \$926,000 to enable construction to commence if partnership funding is received from the Victorian Government or other sources. We have also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020/21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.

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CBR-025	Individual	Requests Council to quickly fix the public toilets in St Kilda from a public health perspective.	Note request	<p>Council's Public Toilet Plan 2013-2023 was developed to provide guidance and practical assistance for planning and decision making in the development, maintenance and operation of public toilets across the City of Port Phillip. A number of upgrades have been made since the plan was developed based on the condition ratings at the time and the delivery of the recommendations is continuing through the Public Toilet Plan Implementation Program, which includes upgrades to the Sandbar Café public toilets and installation of new facilities at Waterfront Place in 2020/21, along with design development for facilities at the Northern end of Fitzroy St. Additionally, we have recently completed upgrades to the public toilets at VegOut and Gas Works Art Park.</p> <p>The plan also outlines Council's cleaning regime which is carried out by Council's contract cleaner. During the busy summer months (November to March), most public toilets are cleaned three times daily, while public toilets located along the foreshore are cleaned six times daily during this period. This also includes The Slopes and Shakespeare Gr public toilets. During the winter months (April to October) all toilets are cleaned twice daily due to their reduced use. While we continually aim to provide clean and hygienic public toilets we unfortunately cannot control the behaviour of the visitors to these toilets. We are working hard to upgrade locations that are more prone to anti-social behaviour through different design principles to discourage this behaviour and help alleviate some of the common problems we experience with our public toilets.</p> <p>We do acknowledge that the public facilities in the nature strip at the end of Cowderoy Street required some extra maintenance work which was undertaken in June and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting of block</li> <li>• High pressure blasted clean of floor</li> <li>• Graffiti removed</li> <li>• New floor drain installed as old one was causing blockages.</li> </ul> <p>However this facility remains difficult to maintain due to it not having a roof structure and being open to all of the weather elements.</p> <p>We would encourage our community to lodge any concerns about specific facilities as a customer enquiry through our ASSIST service so they can be responded to.</p>
CBR-026	The left handed chef	Requests that businesses should not pay for footpath trade. During summer next year, it will be an opportunity for businesses to recoup some money lost through this whole time.	Note request	Council's \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020. At this stage, there are no plans to extend beyond this date.
CBR-027	Bingo Industries	Requests Council give bin providers the opportunity to pay for on ANNUAL skip permit fee to cover unlimited placements within City of Port Phillip. Other councils already do so and this makes applications much easier, as we do not need to continually request cover. - BRIMBANK, CASEY, DAREBIN, DANDENONG, MANNINGHAM, MORELAND, MORNINGTON PENINSULA, WHITTLESEA	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	The City of Port Phillip's method of charging for skip bins uses the same methodology of benchmarked, inner-city Councils, where the demand for on-street parking is likely to be higher than the examples provided in this submission. The current method of charging (per skip/per day), helps to limit the length of these occupations, returns on-street parking back to the community quickly, while the income received from these permits supports the myriad of Council services including the maintenance of our infrastructure.

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CBR-028	Bodhi and Ride	Is a small business owner and does not support 2% increase in rates. Has been hit hard with pandemic, does not earn 2% more or get paid 23% more. In fact, revenues have dropped by 75% compared to last year, and this is likely to continue. Asks why Council does not consider rate decrease while many businesses have been forcibly shut down? Deferral of payment of rates is hardly going to help struggling businesses.	Note request	Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. The average ratepayer will receive \$35 discount and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.																																																																																											
CBR-028	Bodhi and Ride	Requests Council doing more to help struggling businesses and stop taking money for services not utilized in the 3 months of lockdown.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council acknowledges that there are sections of our community being impacted by COVID-19. The current \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020. Also businesses in financial hardship will be able to defer rate instalments due for 6 months with 24 months to pay.																																																																																											
CBR-029	Individual	<p>Asks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with a declining revenue base, the whole community taking pay cuts or losing jobs, business struggling, can the council agree with staff pay rises across the board.</li> <li>• asks how this can proceed whilst increasing rates to a struggling community.</li> <li>• How the council office of the CEO can justify keeping all staff when their staff levels across the rest of the council have fallen.</li> </ul> <p>The pay across every area on average has increased:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2019/20</th> <th>2020/21</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>FTE</th> <th>AVE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FTE</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>AVE</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCREASE</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office of Chief Executive</td> <td>68</td> <td>\$125,074</td> <td>68</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$130,632</td> <td></td> <td>4%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community &amp; Economic Development</td> <td>284</td> <td>\$83,658</td> <td>259</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$94,764</td> <td></td> <td>13%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure &amp; Amenity</td> <td>232</td> <td>\$94,082</td> <td>221</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$100,765</td> <td></td> <td>7%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer &amp; Corporate Services</td> <td>150</td> <td>\$120,807</td> <td>149</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$123,886</td> <td></td> <td>3%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Strategy &amp; Sustainable Development</td> <td>117</td> <td>\$104,718</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$119,556</td> <td></td> <td>14%</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>and cannot see that there is an increased benefit to the community to remotely justify this increase.</p>		2019/20	2020/21		FTE	AVE	FTE			AVE			INCREASE			Office of Chief Executive	68	\$125,074	68					\$130,632		4%		Community & Economic Development	284	\$83,658	259					\$94,764		13%		Infrastructure & Amenity	232	\$94,082	221					\$100,765		7%		Customer & Corporate Services	150	\$120,807	149					\$123,886		3%		City Strategy & Sustainable Development	117	\$104,718	108					\$119,556		14%		Note request	<p>The Enterprise Agreement increase of 2% was negotiated pre COVID-19 and benchmarks well against other similar agreements. With our focus on efficiency and cost savings, the staffing budget 2020/21 is forecast to reduce by about \$5 million compared to this year – after taking into consideration legally binding wage indexation costs of around \$1.6 million.</p> <p>The budget includes a reduction in budgeted staffing numbers from 883 in 2019/20 to 821 2020/21 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers. The corresponding budgeted expense is 5.8% reduction in employee costs:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Budget 2019/20</th> <th>Budget 2020/21</th> <th>Difference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>□ Total staff expenditure (\$000s)</td> <td>98,604</td> <td>92,879</td> <td>-5.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Budget FTEs</td> <td>883</td> <td>821</td> <td>-6.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost per average FTE (\$000s)</td> <td>111.7</td> <td>112.6</td> <td>0.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Budget 2019/20	Budget 2020/21	Difference	□ Total staff expenditure (\$000s)	98,604	92,879	-5.8%	Budget FTEs	883	821	-6.9%	Cost per average FTE (\$000s)	111.7	112.6	0.8%
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CBR-030	Individual	<p>Lives in the Ingle street, Port Melbourne development and all owners pay a body corporate to collect the weekly waste and fortnightly recycling, manage our roads and street lamps, and PI insurance etc. Also does not have access to hard rubbish collection and pays to dispose of hard rubbish. Pays over \$2,000 per year to the body corporate. This was a decision by Council. Also pays the full council rates. This is over \$4,000 per year which is a strain on household bills factoring all other living expenses. Was informed over 2 years ago that Council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from their rates given this is not a service that is provided to us at all. This has not occurred. Asks that Council considers this as part of 2020/21 budget. Does not think it is fair or reasonable for us to be paying for a service that is not provided to by Council when this is not our choice.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Prior to the development of the draft Budget 2020/21, Council engaged the community between 13 February and 7 March 2020 on significant changes in the waste and recycling industries and the increasing cost of managing waste - at a much higher rate than our annual rate-capped revenue – and the need to find ways to deliver waste services to our community that meet rising industry costs and help us meet our environmental targets. This included willingness to trial new waste services such as food organics and garden organics and separated glass recycling services. It also included willingness for Council to introduce a waste and amenity levy, which would be a payment in addition to Council rates to cover some, or all, the costs incurred by Council to deliver waste, recycling and cleansing services.</p> <p>Notwithstanding that there is some community support for a waste and amenity levy to support funding increasing cost of managing waste, the draft Budget 2020/21 does not propose a levy to partially or fully fund waste (including recycling) and amenity services. Council noted on 6 May 2020 that to fully address the rates cap challenge over the long-term, it will require the consideration of a waste and amenity levy by a future Council and/or significant further reductions in other services to maintain financial sustainability.</p> <p>Your submission will be considered in the development of the Revenue and Rating Plan to be endorsed by the new Council by June 2021.</p>
CBR-031	Individual	<p>Sees little funding in regards to older generation and not enough fees to Johnny come lately. Not enough increase fees to outside visitors, new developments and festivals. Fees should charged or be increased substantially for all festivals and events such as music concerts, triathlons as most of these are not for locals and local trades do not get business from these events as they are usually in house catering or they come, block our streets, create noise and then leave. No benefits to the area whatsoever.</p> <p>Increase rates on generations of people who have lived in the area for decades - long before it became a trendy suburb. Subsidies should be granted to people who have especially occupied the property for well over 50 years. Concerned Council's rates are pushing them out of somewhere where they have lived all their lives.</p> <p>Would like Council should to have something in their policies etc for rebates for long standing residents who have paid rates to your Council for a long time.</p>	Note request	<p>A new Council is elected every four years representing the views of our community. The Council Plan is then endorsed by the new Council which sets out what we want to achieve for the City of Port Phillip and how we will support the current and future health and wellbeing of the City and its people.</p> <p>Our current Rating Strategy was endorsed by the current council in 2018 which provides relief to older persons. This includes a council funded rates relief up to \$175 or 50% of rates to pensioners who qualify for the Victorian Government funded rates support. Council also provides a \$60 rebate to households who opt for a 80L waste bin (120L default).</p> <p>The budget for 2020/21 includes increase to development fees such as extension of time and second consent significantly higher than the global increase of 2.25%. Council has a vision to build an annual events calendar that is bold, engaging, welcoming and unique to the City of Port Phillip; connected to our people, places, businesses and culture while minimising any potential disruption to the community. We believe our events build community engagement, economic development and visitation while maintaining local liveability. Fees are set for festivals and events to cover Council's costs and to build on an annual events calendar.</p> <p>Your submission will be considered in the development of the Revenue and Rating Plan to be endorsed by the new Council by June 2021.</p>

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CBR-032	Ratepayers of Port Phillip	<p>Considers the budget is irresponsible, as very little effort has been made to make substantial savings to return the budget to surplus. Raiding the general reserve funds to cover up the enormous deficit is fiscally irresponsible. Strongly opposes the budget in its current form and would suggest that competent management is required to make wholesale changes to the council in order to provide value for ratepayers.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>The Budget for 2020/21 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rate increase of 2 per cent, which is equivalent to the rates cap set by the Victorian Government, with has enabled Council to fund the significant above rates cap increases in waste management and recycling costs and other above CPI cost increases and increase support for ratepayers, businesses and community members who need it the most, through the \$5.6 millio Economic and Social Recovery program.</li> <li>• A general increase in fees and charges of 2.25 per cent, which is consistent with our financial strategy, unless it makes sense to vary, and to provide targeted support to those who need it most.</li> <li>• Efficiency savings of \$5.6 million, including \$0.7million from the Customer Experience Program. This totals \$12.6 million of savings delivered over the last four budgets of this Council.</li> <li>• There is no increase in an already low debt position, with the majority of this proposed to be repaid in 2021/22.</li> <li>• Cash reserves for operational needs including staff leave and contingency of \$23.9 million.</li> <li>• Project investment of \$53 million to maintain, grow and improve services and assets.</li> <li>• A cumulative cash surplus of \$1.13 million providing additional contingency for enterprise financial risks including COVID-19 recovery.</li> <li>• \$1.2 million in permanent savings from service level reductions.</li> <li>• a net decrease of 62 FTEs (37 FTEs ongoing) and \$9.8 million in savings based on lower demand, part year recommencement of council services, completing an organisational operating review and a reduced capital portfolio.</li> </ul>
CBR-033	Individual	<p>Is surprised and strongly opposed to Council raising rates in the current environment. Many older residents, who have lived in the area for decades, are struggling to make ends meet.</p>	Note request	<p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. The average ratepayer will receive \$35 discount and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>We acknowledge that there are sections of our community being impacted by COVID-19. The budget includes a \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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CBR-034	Individual	The proposed budget includes near zero funding for improved bicycle facilities within the City of Port Phillip. Asks how Council expects people to move around post COVID-19 without improved cycling facilities. Also asks why Council allows so many death zone (door zone) bicycle lanes in the municipality.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28.</p> <p>Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. In response to Council's financial challenge, we have applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio and reduced projected spend in 2020/21 with increased investments in the following years to ensure our responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term. There is an allocation of \$770,000 in the Budget 2020/21 to progress the initiatives such as the construction of the Garden City bike path. Funding is projected to increase to over \$1.2 million per annum for the next four years to progress other initiatives.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-035	Individual	Requests all efforts should be made to avoid any raise in rates. Council need to focus on delivery of core responsibilities to rate payers and reduce frivolous spending such as access to Ripponlea house, landscaping in front of Palais Theatre, etc.	Note request	<p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. The average ratepayer will receive \$35 discount and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer, which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the estimated loss of significant in revenue between April 2020 and June 2021, Council has been required to strategically prioritise its expenditure in 2020/21 so that it can continue to provide critical services and infrastructure in a financially sustainable manner.</p> <p>The result of that is a balanced budget that has been achieved due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio which has reduced the projected spend in 2020/21 of around \$14 million, consisting of a mix of reduced scopes in programs and project deferrals with increased investments in the following years to ensure our asset base and responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term</li> <li>• efficiency savings of \$5.6 million, including \$0.7 million from the Customer Experience Program. This totals \$12.6 million of savings delivered over the last four budgets of this Council.</li> <li>• reduction in service levels (\$1.2 million) for a small of number Council initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>The combined impact is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21.</p> <p>The budget includes a \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to support for ratepayers, businesses and community members who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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CBR-036	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Phillip has had a proud history of supporting public housing through the Housing Association, Housing First. It is vital that this kind of initiative is continued and developed. Does not wish to live in some kind of gated suburb, accessible only to the affluent, ignoring people sleeping rough, or just having them moved elsewhere. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers, and developers to provide high quality social housing.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's Affordable Housing Strategy 'In Our Backyard' aims to grow the supply of social and affordable housing to support a diverse community. The strategy includes initiatives to deliver new affordable housing across a spectrum of need, including for households on very low, low and moderate incomes.</p> <p>Specific affordable housing opportunities which Council is currently progressing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Council land in Marlborough Street Balaclava (under a partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust), to deliver 46 units of community housing for very low and low income persons.</li> <li>• A temporary 'pop' up Common Ground housing project and also a permanent Common Ground facility, to provide supported social housing targeted at persons who are sleeping rough.</li> <li>• Negotiating private sector delivery of affordable housing in Fishermans Bend (both social and affordable private rental) under voluntary planning agreements. This has achieved permits that will deliver 65 units of social and affordable housing in four private developments.</li> </ul>
CBR-036	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public services, such as child care and legal aid. It is vital that these things are available to all, not just those who can pay.</li> </ul>	Note request	Noted
CBR-036	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies suggest the significant effects of greenery on the sense of well-being of residents.</li> <li>• Some value tackling Climate Change, addressing the heat island effect of dense urban areas.</li> <li>• Most importantly, open public spaces are available to all. Our park is very well used by people of all ages – the local school, families, retirees – and all economic strata. This is fair and equitable. Most significantly it creates a great sense of community. All kinds of different people get to know one another, look out for one another, and this is enormously valuable.</li> </ul> <p>States that all levels of responsible government must commit to tackling climate change to reduce pollution, increase sustainability, care for the environment, investment in renewables .</p>	Note request	<p>Council is committed to responding to the climate emergency. Direction 3 of the Council Plan outlines Council's priorities to green our city, lower carbon emissions, adapt to climate change, and to improve water and waste management. This includes planting trees and vegetation, installing and investing in renewable energy, and encouraging the community to do the same.</p> <p>You can find more information on what Council is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change in our Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy on our website at this location - <a href="http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm">http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm</a></p>

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CBR-036	Individual	Traffic and parking is a problem in Port Phillip, and rather than seeking more parking areas, a better solution could be to reduce the number of cars on the roads, giving better access to bikes and pedestrians. There has been an increase of bike use during the pandemic and would like if bike paths were developed further. .	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. In response to Council's financial challenge, we have applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio and reduced projected spend in 2020/21 with increased investments in the following years to ensure our responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term. There is an allocation of \$770,000 in the Budget 2020/21 to progress the initiatives such as the construction of the Garden City bike path. Funding is projected to increase to over \$1.2 million per annum for the next four years to progress other initiatives.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-036	Individual	Port Phillip has been rich in arts, music and theatre. It's part of what gives our community colour and character, and attracts tourism and revenue to the area. In this time, when the arts, music, theatre industries are being devastated and left without support, Council should consider how best to support our local artists, musicians and theatres.	Note request	<p>Thank you for your feedback. How to best supporting our creative industries and practitioners after COVID-19 is a key priority for Council. We have already implemented an Arts Rescue Package to the value of \$180,000 and will be exploring additional grant opportunities in 2020/21. The action plan within the Art and Soul Strategy (which is due for completion in 2022) is currently being reviewed in light of the pandemic to ensure activities are recovery-specific. We continue to support a range of cultural institutions within the City and are committed to this continuing. We will also be implementing key Library and Live Music Action plans after community consultation which both include a wide range of exciting initiatives including the potential redevelopment of the St Kilda Library. The Live Music Action plan will also involve extensive consultation with our music venues and musicians who face significant challenges due to social distancing requirements. The St Kilda Film Festival and St Festival remain in the 2020/21 budget and provide a range of opportunities for local performers. We are also proud to continue our indigenous arts and festival programs which we hope to expand over time.</p>
CBR-036	Individual	• Pleased that CoPP has supported the marriage equality in the referendum, and supports the rights of LGBTQI citizens.	Note request	Noted
CBR-036	Individual	<p>Argues for an increase in tree planting and development of public green spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies suggest the significant effects of greenery on the sense of well-being of residents.</li> <li>• Some value in tackling Climate Change, addressing the heat island effect of dense urban areas.</li> <li>• Most importantly, open public spaces are available to all. Our park is very well used by people of all ages – the local school, families, retirees – and people from all economic strata. This is fair and equitable. Most significantly it creates a great sense of community. All kinds of different people get to know one another, look out for one another, and this is enormously valuable.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The draft Public Space Strategy sets a city-wide outcome to repurpose road space to create new public spaces, particularly in areas where there are gaps in the public space network. The draft Strategy also recommends using temporary road closures to test more permanent public space ideas through pop-ups, good urban design and the removal of obstructions to create more space. More specific actions for greening streets in each of our neighbourhoods is provided in the draft Public Space Strategy Action Plan, which will be implemented over the next 11 years.</p>

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CBR-037	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-038	SouthPort Community Centre	Thanks Council for its support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the City of Voices will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-039	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-040	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-041	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-042	Marine Education Science and Community inc (MESAC)	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-043	Individual	Advises that the Assist Desk staff at the Port Melbourne Town are an invaluable source of information and help to residents. In particular the elderly and infirm. Many members of the community are unable to use the internet and/or internet banking. The service provided by these friendly and helpful Council staff is one of the only face to face interactions that ratepayers have with our Council. This is a very important aspect of Local Government.	Note request	<p>Council's 2020/21 budget includes the initiative to reduce ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne town halls to three days per week, from 10 am to 2 pm for the 2020/21 financial year, with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services.</p> <p>Over the next six to 18 months, Council will have significantly improved service delivery capability, increased self-service options and improved payment options for customers. These improvements provide the opportunity to streamline a predominant share of our counter services to a single location at St Kilda Town Hall, where most of the counter transactions already occur.</p> <p>The reduced opening hours and days will align to the current peak service times. Any customers who do not have access to internet or who do not wish to interact with us that way, will still be able to access and receive face to face service outside of these hours from our St Kilda front counter.</p>
CBR-044	Karen Hopkins Art	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-045	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-046	Volunteer at the EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-047	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-048	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-049	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-050	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-051	Individual	Requests that Council does not fund the expansion of the EcoCentre, located within the grounds of the St Kilda Botanic Gardens, as outlined in the draft Budget. Asks that current and future funding is directed to the quality and professional services open to all Victorians offered by the education and sustainability programs operated by state government departments. Any money from state and local government would be better spent trying to keep the trees and gardens in the botanic gardens alive rather than in the perilous state of decline many are in	Note request	<p>Council committed in the Council Plan to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre subject to receiving partnership funding and to continue supporting environmental education in schools. Our five-year funding agreement requires the EcoCentre to demonstrate high levels of community participation. For the period June-December 2019, the EcoCentre reported over 7,500 community participants.</p> <p>The concept designs shared with the community during February-March 2020 received support from 90% of the participants. The design has been developed to address some of the issues raised in this submission, including improving the visual appeal, minimising the building's footprint and providing a welcoming public entry way to the St Kilda Botanic Gardens.</p> <p>Council recognises the importance of the Botanical Gardens and allocates a higher standard of maintenance compared to other Council managed Open Spaces. An arborist assessment is undertaken annually of all trees located within the Botanical Gardens, details from the next assessment will be reviewed to identify trees in poor health and a program will be developed to manage these trees.</p>
CBR-052	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
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CBR-054	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-055	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-056	Australian Landcare International	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-057	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-058	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-059	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-060	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-061	Australian Landcare International; CoPP Biolinks Group; Westgate Biodiversity; Bili Nursery & Landcare	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-062	Individual	Requests Council to keep the South Melbourne Market Neff Market Kitchen Open. The Market would be not the same without cooking class.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	The NEFF Kitchen Cooking School was already scheduled to close permanently in October 2020 due to successive years of not making a profit. The school has been closed for several months due to restrictions in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Even when the restrictions were temporarily lifted and the NEFF Kitchen could have opened, the restriction of four-square metres meant only three students per class could attend making it impossible to return a profit. The Market will still focus on cooking in other ways, online and mobile kitchens are some of the ideas for the future.
CBR-063	Individual	<p>Has been a volunteer for 2 years at Port Phillip Community Group and assisted Intake, special events such as Homelessness Week and Christmas community lunches, fresh food relief, reception, technology education, and social housing community lunches. I am now assisting with the new Share the Food Program.</p> <p>Please, put the needs of our most vulnerable first in this crisis. This is a Council obligation that has been committed to in Social Justice statements of policy.</p>	Note request	<p>PPCG's 'Share the Food' initiative has been enabled by Council through direct financial contributions (\$90,000) as part of its COVID-19 Relief and Recovery package, in addition to provision of premises to operate the 'food hub' and staff resources for logistics. The Share the Food initiative has played an essential role in local emergency food relief. Council notes it is working well and wishes to thank the volunteers, partners and Port Phillip Community who are helping to make this important initiative possible in support of the city's most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>The Budget 2020/21 includes a \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to support those affected the most from the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pilot of a network of organisations who provide volunteer opportunities to help them network and develop collaborative practices and share resources and enabling Council staff to volunteer for up to 2 days per annum.</li> <li>• Targeted grants to rebuild social connections post COVID-19 as well as proceeding with Community Grants.</li> <li>• Providing training, equipment and other support to community groups to facilitate delivery of on-line programs and access for users.</li> <li>• Fund to address emerging social impacts.</li> <li>• Introducing mandatory affordable housing contributions (Inclusionary Zoning) as part of new private development and renewing Public Housing Estates to increase the supply of social housing.</li> <li>• Temporarily leasing former backpacker accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing.</li> <li>• Partnering with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing for persons from Council's By-name list / transitioning from 'pop-up' to reduce rough sleeping.</li> <li>• continuing funding of the Port Phillip Zero project to achieve a coordinated service response to homelessness.</li> <li>• Delivering affordable 'Build to Rent' housing.</li> <li>• Expanding Council Food Services and funded programs to meet increased demand.</li> <li>• Working with community sector to understand emerging impacts.</li> <li>• Continue implementation of family support programs and engage in appropriate public health campaigns.</li> </ul>

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CBR-064	Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group	<p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council applies for post COVID grants to accelerate the protected bike lane strategy in the Integrated Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Council maintains the cycling infrastructure budget</li> <li>• Council builds 'pop-up bike lanes' with temporary infrastructure along Kerford Rd., St Kilda Rd, Brighton Rd, Beaconsfield Rd and Marine Pde and remove parking from Chapel St.</li> </ul> <p>This submission adds the following supporting information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bikespot Top 10 Unsafe Bike spots</li> <li>2. Statement from 100 leading doctors and transport experts</li> <li>3. Transport Accident Commission-funded study on bicycle safety</li> <li>4. The relevance of Bike Riding in Council's Policies.</li> </ol>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. In response to Council's financial challenge, we have applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio and reduced projected spend in 2020/21 with increased investments in the following years to ensure our responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term. There is an allocation of \$770,000 in the Budget 2020/21 to progress the initiatives such as the construction of the Garden City bike path. Funding is projected to increase to over \$1.2 million per annum for the next four years to progress other initiatives.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p> <p>Brighton Road, Beaconsfield and Marine Parade are managed by the Department of Transport and we continue to advocate for safer facilities for bike riders to be installed. We are also working with Stonnington Council and the Department of Transport to look at transport improvements on Chapel Street that benefit bike riders.</p> <p>The City of Port Phillip was a project partner for BikeSpot2020 and we will use this data to guide future projects and assist with advocacy campaigns to the Victorian Government. In addition, Council has investigated numerous funding sources to improve safety, including the Transport Accident Commission, identifying Blackspots based on crash history and severity. Council will continue explore external funding opportunities, where possible to improve safety for all road users including bike riders.</p>
CBR-065	Individual	States it is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by Council are important, probably more during this time of COVID-19 than in any other time. Wants some of the vital services provided by Council to continue including childcare; Maternal & Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.	Note request	Council's 2020/21 budget continues to invest in vital public services with most services continuing at the same service level. In response to the significant financial impact associated with COVID-19 pandemic and other risks, we undertook a strategic review of council services, which resulted in a smaller project investment to maintain, grow and improve services and assets, and inclusion of \$1.2 million of service level reductions. However, this approach has enabled us to fund a \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to target those in the community most impacted by COVID-19 while keeping our rate increase within the rates cap.

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CBR-065	Individual	States childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.	Note request	<p>Council is committed to continuing to provide quality children's services. Four of Council's services are rated at 'Exceeding National Quality Standards' (Bubup Nairn, North St Kilda, Barring Djinang, Coventry) and one service rated at 'Meeting National Quality Standards' (Clark St).</p> <p>Council's Every child, Our Future: Children's Services Policy, effective since 1 July 2020, contains the following objectives which demonstrate our commitment to early years children's services within the municipality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will work with partners to ensure that every child, regardless of their abilities or background, will have access to affordable, safe, accessible, quality Early Years' services to support development to their full potential.</li> <li>• That families will have access to the services and information they need, at the times they need it, to make choices appropriate for their needs.</li> </ul> <p>Our fees are within the mid range of fees charged across the municipality. We are committed to delivering affordability and access to families who are experiencing financial hardship. In this budget Council endorsed the appointment of an assertive outreach role to work with children's services, support services and families to better engage vulnerable children in Child Care services across the City of Port Phillip.</p> <p>On 5 August 2020, Council confirmed that it will continue to operate its early education and care services. This followed a public interest test review, required under the Victorian Government's Competitive Neutrality Policy, which found these services should continue as they are providing more accessible care and quality education for vulnerable children than other providers (community and privately-run centres).</p>
CBR-065	Individual	3. The Maternal & Child Health services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.	Note request	We have a service agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to deliver the municipality's Maternal and Child Health services.
CBR-065	Individual	More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe. Since the restrictions resulting from COVID-19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling. Requests best facilities for cyclists: separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. Would also like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach, along South bank of the Yarra and other parts of the city. Also need more bike parking racks.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. Our budget provides annual funding to enable the delivery of these routes as well as bike parking, which also is identified in the strategy. In locations with high volumes of pedestrians, bike riders or vehicle traffic Council seeks to provide separation between users, however with space constraints this is not always possible.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-065	Individual	Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.	Note request	Council remains committed to providing excellent libraries to the community and has continued to deliver services throughout the pandemic including expanded delivery, request and collect and a range of online programs. Later this year community consultation will take place on a proposed Libraries Action Plan which will detail all activities and initiatives proposed for the short and longer-term future.

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CBR-065	Individual	Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.	Note request	<p>Council is currently progressing several social and affordable housing opportunities:</p> <p>Council land in Marlborough Street Balaclava is being provided under a partnership with HousingFirst (as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust), to deliver 46 units of community housing for very low and low income persons. This project has recently been successful in receiving State Government funding, and together with two other recently funded projects will deliver 141 new units in Port Phillip.</p> <p>During COVID-19, Government effort has been to place persons experiencing homelessness in temporary accommodation. As a COVID-19 recovery priority, the aim is to keep people in housing. Accordingly, Council is focusing effort on investigating a number of opportunities that would result in new supported social housing, using a Common Ground model, targeted at persons who are sleeping rough. This includes both a temporary, 'pop-up' housing project to deliver new housing in the short term, in addition to a future permanent Common Ground project in Port Phillip. The Common Ground model uses Housing First principles which emphasise long-term secure housing with the provision of support services, evidenced as the most effective way of preventing a return to homelessness.</p> <p>In Fishermans Bend, the City of Port Phillip continues to negotiate private sector delivery of affordable housing (both social and affordable private rental) under voluntary planning agreements. This has achieved permits that will deliver 65 units of social and affordable housing in four private developments.</p>

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CBR-065	Individual	Supports continuation of rubbish and waste management funded and managed by Council. As waste management becomes more problematic, Council must investigate further opportunities for recycling, and be innovative in relation to waste management. Residents must be strongly encouraged to dispose of rubbish and waste responsibly.	Note request	Council's Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028 sets out the blueprint for how waste and recycling will be managed both now and in the future. A such, Council will continue to fund our current household waste and recycling collection services, as well as our hard and green waste collection service and our Resource Recovery Centre. We will continue to provide information and education to our community on waste and recycling and trial ways to expand our services further in line with growing community expectations and Victorian Government Policy.
CBR-065	Individual	We are living in a Climate emergency. Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all it's facilities.  We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.	Note request	Council is committed to responding to the climate emergency. Direction 3 of the Council Plan outlines Council's priorities to green our city, lower carbon emissions, adapt to climate change, and to improve water and waste management.  Council currently has solar panels on twenty of its buildings (a total of 550kW) and will continue to look for opportunities to install solar panels on new and existing buildings. All of Council's electricity comes from renewable sources. Through the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project, Council partnered with other councils and organisations to commit to purchasing 88 GWh of electricity each year from a purpose-built wind farm in rural Victoria.  You can find more information on what Council is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to support community education in our Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy on our website at this location - <a href="http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm">http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm</a>
CBR-066	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-067	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-068	Individual	Bike path development is very important for these COVID-19 times. Would like to see more money put into improving the dangerous intersections that make cycling difficult.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. Our budget provides annual funding to enable the delivery of these routes: \$770,000 in 2020/21 with a projection to increase to at least \$1.2 million per annum for the following four years. We have identified a number of intersections as blackspots as part of funding in partnership with TAC and advocating to the Victorian Government for improvements and upgrades on Victorian Government managed roads, such as St Kilda Junction.  Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.

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CBR-068	Individual	Requests more trees planted in streets and parks. These are our insurance against climate change, helping to cool our city.	Note request	<p>The City of Port Phillip has approximately 46,000 trees with approximately 25% of trees these trees located in parks.</p> <p>The Greening Port Phillip Strategy and Street Tree Planting Program provides details on the existing canopy cover of City of Port Phillip managed land of 19%. This was measured in 2017 with the aim to increase canopy cover to 21% by 2027/28, it notes priority streets with minimal canopy cover to be prioritised for future upgrades. Each year approximately 1050 trees are planted in streets and parks.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 there has been a reduced budget for 2020/21 in response to the significant financial gap, which will reduce total number of trees planted. A larger budget has been listed in the outer years to increase the number of trees planted to ensure the canopy target is met.</p>
CBR-068	Individual	Low cost housing is essential for our low income residents. There is some, but not enough.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-068	Individual	<p>Thinks that Council does not need to freeze rates. That money is needed to keep our essential services and help develop more services.</p> <p>Requests Council continuing these essential services in our city as we meet the demands of all residents and come back stronger following this global pandemic.</p>	Note request	<p>The Budget 2020/21 does not propose a rates freeze as its compounding impact to Council is estimated to be \$30 million over a 10-year period.</p> <p>Our \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19. A rates freeze will not be well targeted, nor impactful with the average residential ratepayer receiving a \$32 reduction to their rates.</p>
CBR-069	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-070	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-071	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-072	Individual	Requests Council going back to basics.	Note request	<p>Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the estimated loss of significant in revenue between April 2020 and June 2021, Council has been required to strategically prioritise its expenditure in 2020/21 so that it can continue to provide critical services and infrastructure in a financially sustainable manner. Priority will be given to activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet legal and/or contractual requirements.</li> <li>• Are essential to keeping our community safe, with a focus on the most vulnerable, in the response stage.</li> <li>• Are essential to manage risk, including risk to Council's long-term financial sustainability (e.g. priority asset maintenance &amp; renewal).</li> <li>• Are essential to helping our community move from response to recovery as quickly as possible.</li> <li>• Are essential to preparing the Council administration for the recovery stage, including business continuity and retaining and building new capacity to start up again.</li> </ul> <p>The result of that is a balanced budget that has been achieved due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio which has reduced the projected spend in 2020/21 of around \$14 million, consisting of a mix of reduced scopes in programs and project deferrals with increased investments in the following years to ensure our asset base and responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term</li> <li>• efficiency savings of \$5.6 million, including \$0.7 million from the Customer Experience Program. This totals \$12.6 million of savings delivered by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• reduction in services (saving \$1.2 million) for a small of number Council initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>The combined impact is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21.</p>
CBR-073	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-074	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-075	Clarendon Children's Centre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-076	Mammal Survey Group of Victoria	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-077	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-078	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-079	Over 2U Environmental Education	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-080	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Applied Reception/Customer Service training program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-081	Individual	States it is important to continue to invest in vital public services. The services provided by Council are important, probably more during this time of COVID-19 than in any other time. Wants some of the vital services provided by Council to continue including childcare; Maternal & Child Health services; cycling infrastructure; libraries; parks and public spaces; housing; waste and rubbish management; and responding to the challenges of the Climate emergency.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	States childcare services should be provided by Council for people living in the city. Publicly owned and affordable child care is a vital service. Council should increase the amount of child care services provided; the council run child care services must be of high quality, and affordable.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	States Maternal & Child Health (MCH) services are a vital service to families in the community, and must be continued.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	More people will cycle if they feel it is safe to do so, and they will feel it is safe. Since the restrictions resulting from COVID-19 there has been a significant increase in people cycling. Requests best facilities for cyclists: separate bike paths, where there are no risks from cars, and no risks to pedestrians. Would also like to see separate bike paths all along the sea shore, including along St. Kilda beach, along South bank of the Yarra and other parts of the city. Also need more bike parking racks.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	Libraries are a great community resource and Council must continue to fund these great resources.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	Requests Council to consider where it is possible to close roads and convert them to bike paths, parks and open spaces. Supports continued tree planting and care for trees and parks in the city. These are vital public places. Parks and public spaces are good for both mental and physical health of residents and visitors to the city.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-081	Individual	Covid 19 has hit homeless people hard. Wants Council to work with other levels of government, housing providers and developers to provide high-quality social housing to help people who need it most.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065

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CBR-081	Individual	We are living in a Climate emergency. Summers are getting hotter, bushfires are getting worse, and that extreme weather events are going to become more frequent. Council must continue to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and educate residents about responses to the Climate emergency. Putting solar panels on the roof of the South Melbourne market was an excellent Council initiative. Council should investigate putting solar panels on the roofs of all Council owned properties, and providing solar power for all it's facilities.  We need to ensure that we continue these essential services in our city, to meet the demands and needs of all residents.	Note request	Refer to CBR-065
CBR-082	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-083	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-084	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-085	Individual	Is most dissatisfied that Council is going ahead with enforcing the 2% rate cap for 2020/21, due to the effects of COVID-19 and the pressure on the elderly residents & community groups in the area.	Note request	<p>The financial impact of Council not proceeding with a rate increase equal to the rates cap is estimated to be \$30 million over a 10-year period.</p> <p>The impact of freezing rates to the average residential ratepayer would be a \$32 discount, which is about 62 cents a week. Therefore a rates freeze would not be hugely impactful to the average ratepayer but would impact Council's long-term financial sustainability.</p> <p>Council currently provides relief to older persons. This includes a council funded rates relief up to \$175 or 50% of rates to pensioners who qualify for the Victorian Government funded rates support. Council also provides a \$60 rebate to households who opt for a 80L waste bin (120L default).</p> <p>We acknowledge that there are sections of our community being impacted by COVID-19. The Budget includes a \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program, which is greater than the additional revenue Council receives from the rates cap increase (\$2.7 million), will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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CBR-086	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-087	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/ Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-088	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-089	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-090	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-091	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-092	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-093	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-094	Individual	<p>I am led to understand that funding of \$22,000 needed to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year. Requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful and it seems another year will be allowed by council to pass, as funding has again not been included in the draft budget for 2021. The funding to complete the Garden involves installation of panels or plaques describing social history, military and cultural heritage themes. The importance of the gardens will then be significant to all. In particular, 2020 represents the 75th anniversary of the completion of the second world war. Port Melbourne was the departure point for many of our young men and women who left Australia to help preserve world peace in both of those terrible wars, so this year has particular significance. Many residents of our city did not return or were severely traumatised by their experience. Significance of the military importance of the gardens, along with the other themes form a major part of Port Melbourne and they all deserve recognition. It is believed that soldiers returning from world war 1 around a hundred years ago, may have introduced Spanish Flu to Australia. The Remembrance garden is an appropriate place to acknowledge the impact that the Wars overall had on our community then and now. This is a genuine and sincere request for the Council to review the 2021 budget to include funding necessary to complete this important part of our heritage.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007

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CBR-095	Individual	<p>Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</p> <p>Asks Council to consider the possibility of online inclusions at this time and going into the future. It will give access to children who can't physically access the centre, and kinders and childcare centres would be willing to pay for the services.</p>	Note request	<p>Council has committed \$2.75 million to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. The 2020/21 Council budget includes an allocation of \$926,000 to enable construction to commence if partnership funding is received from the Victorian Government or other sources.</p> <p>Council has also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020/21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.t of the project costs.</p> <p>Council's funding arrangements with the EcoCentre require participation reporting for both online and in-person events. Council understands that the EcoCentre has been delivering an increased online offering during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
CBR-096	Probus Port Melbourne	<p>I write as an interested rate payer and someone who is active in a number of associations in Port Phillip. It is of concern to many residents that the Council has not allocated the funding needed to complete the Remembrance Garden at Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne. I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Reserve last November, along with many other residents, and was impressed at this initiative to commemorate our fallen. Many of my relatives went past this very place on their way to serve in both wars. Some did not return. This was something I reflected on as I stood there.</p> <p>Why embark on a project and not finish it. While it stands uncompleted it is in danger of being abandoned because its full significance has not been established. The money already put into the Memorial will then be wasted. I believe it will cost \$22,000 to finish the project. Can we not just get on with it and finish the job? We will then have a fitting site to gather and reflect on the sacrifices made by our service people.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-097	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-098	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-099	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-100	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Dig In Community Garden program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.

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CBR-101	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Get Out Of Town program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-102	Individual	I am writing to support a submission for an allocation of \$22,000 to finalise the remaining work on the Remembrance Garden situated in the Port Melbourne railway reserve.  The design of the work has long been finalised; the only piece missing is the capital.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-103	Individual	Supports Council's endeavours to maximise diversity within the City particularly through programs designed to maintain and increase social housing, and, to the extent of its powers, I support Council's encouragement and facilitation of the expansion of public housing stock in the municipality.	Note request	Refer to CBR-036
CBR-103	Individual	Supports Council's contribution to the provision of adequate support services through the promotion and funding of material and other assistance as required.	Note request	Noted
CBR-103	Individual	Supports Council's endeavours in reducing waste. Encourages Council to encourage residents, businesses and visitors to consume less, to place emphasis on quality rather than quantity and also to emphasise benefits of recycling and re-purposing in preference to the prevailing disposable ethic. Supports Council funding organisations committed to these ideals with 'inkind' support in addition to direct funding.  Endorses Council's support for the Port Philip Eco Centre for the valuable role it plays in these spaces.	Note request	Council's Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028 sets out the blueprint for how waste and recycling will be managed both now and in the future. The Council budget for 2020/21 includes an allocation of \$15,132,857 towards our waste and recycling services, including pilot trials of new food and organics (FOGO) and glass recycling services and community waste education.  Council's \$2.75 million commitment to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building is subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. We have also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020/21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.

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CBR-103	Individual	Favours Council's support for the arts, but suggests monies allocated to these programs are better allocated to small scale events directed at artists resident in the City of Port Philip rather on events such as the St Kilda Festival.	Note request	<p>Council is currently developing a Live Music Action Plan to support the local live music industry in the short and long term. This plan was due for release at the start of the year but Council are now incorporating a COVID19-response and reengaging with the local music industry to see what support we can provide them in light of these impacts. Funding has been allocated to this plan once adopted later in the year. Council has also developed COVID relief funding to support the wider arts and creative industries providers in our municipality and will continue to support local outdoor events through fee waivers and education.</p> <p>Council's Festivals include St Kilda Film Festival (recently held online for the first time), St Kilda Festival and Indigenous Arts Festivals (Mabo Day, Reconciliation Week and Yaluk-ut Weelam Ngargee). St Kilda Festival includes a number of local acts and artists, engages local community groups and provides benefits for the local traders. With the impacts of COVID19 Council is looking at ways the St Kilda Festival can be used to further support and form part of a recovery plan for the local music/arts industries, community and traders.</p> <p>Due to an inability to guarantee the safety of our community, the 2021 St Kilda Festival is unlikely to go ahead. The need to procure infrastructure and entertainment in advance means that a decision is required by Council by the end of August and as stage 4 restrictions remain in place until September; it's untenable to think an affirmative decision could be made within this timeframe. Officers have put forward a recommendation for Council consideration to suspend the Festival for one year and for the \$1.7 million in funds to be quarantined in reserve for one-off spend on economic and cultural recovery (including a focus on live music and the creative industries). Response to be updated following the 19 August Council meeting.</p>

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CBR-103	Individual	<p>Is concerned that the Council's staff profile, and consequent expenditure, is skewed towards upper middle and senior management.</p> <p>Understands some residents in the City are agitated about the level of their rates and what they perceive as a bias to their detriment. Believes the City makes sufficient provision to aid ratepayers in their payment and a review process exists if they are aggrieved by the rating.</p> <p>Having listened and considered what staff and Councillors have said on a number of forums regarding the impact of COVID 19, encourages Council to resist a slash and burn approach to the post-pandemic budget period. Many of our more vulnerable residents face challenging futures, it is important Council whenever possible maintain or increases expenditure on crucial social expenditure.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis, while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million by this Council over the last four budgets;</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – The budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions.</li> <li>• Our budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>In August 2020, the CEO implemented a new operating model to ensure that the organisation supporting Council has the skills and experience required to meet changing community needs and expectations and importantly that we can help our community to respond and recover from COVID-19. The new model minimises impact on priority services by reducing management overheads where possible and reducing or seeking greater efficiency in the provision of corporate functions.</p>
CBR-104	Individual	My wife and I ask that you include completion of the Garden of Remembrance in the 2021 budget.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-105	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program and Get Out Of Town initiatives) .	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Applied Reception/Customer Service training and Get Out Of Town programs will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.

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CBR-106	Individual	<p>Please Please councillors I beg you to open your heart and be kind</p> <p>Please give prorata rate relief to all the small business that are struggling to pay their bill because of the lockdown, by no fault of their own</p> <p>When Spring comes, do we only want to see the big chains open: Woollies, Coles, BWS, etc..</p> <p>A few businesses are going fine but many are struggling beyond comprehension.</p> <p>Just think of the enormous economic collateral damage the lockdown is creating. How many mental stress and related illness, mental illness and suicides are you prepared to see to the owners and their families</p> <p>Please think of our beautiful community Please save lives and Please save Port Phillip</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-021
CBR-107	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Women's Activity Group program initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Women's Activity Group program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.

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CBR-108	Individual	Does not support an increase in rates without: a detailed analysis of recurrent costs and the opportunity for savings plus a review of the capital plan against risks of deferral delay and/ or deletion.	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis, while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• Our budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>Our \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19.</p>
CBR-109	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-100
CBR-110	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-101

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CBR-111	World War One Centenary Community Commemorative Committee	<p>I support the need for funding of \$22,000 to complete the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve as this significant project deserves completion.</p> <p>The funding is necessary to complete the installation of up to five panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural heritage themes to commemorate the recognition of our involvement in World War One.</p> <p>By completing the Gardens, it will pay homage to almost a thousand residents of our City who lost their lives in WWI, to those who returned traumatised and wounded and died shortly thereafter and to those who contributed to the war effort from the home front.</p> <p>An event as significant as this warrants recognition so that present and future generations can realize and better understand the kind of sacrifices that were made in order to protect the way of life we appreciate so much today. The completion of the Garden, as proposed in 2018, will become another City of Port Phillip landmark.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-112	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Accessible Yoga program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-113	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-112

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CBR-114	Individual	<p>Received a pamphlet in the post from the Rates Payers of Port Phillip Association today in regards to where's they believe council is spending the rates and she is not happy.</p> <p>It states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2% pay rise for staff when we already spend 92million a year on wages</li> <li>- CEO's salary, bonuses and increase</li> <li>- Senior Management wages increases when they shouldn't</li> <li>- Rates are having a 2% increase for all revenue raised and she believes it should be frozen for the year 20/21</li> </ul> <p>Is a pensioner and quite upset.</p>	Note request	<p>The Enterprise Agreement increase of 2% was negotiated pre COVID-19 and benchmarks well against other similar agreements. With our focus on efficiency and cost savings (\$5.6 million in the budget), the staffing budget 2020/21 is forecast to reduce by about \$5 million compared to this year – after taking into consideration legally binding wage indexation costs of around \$1.6 million. The budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825.</p> <p>A pay freeze has been applied to all senior officers for financial year 2020/21 including the CEO. Council does not propose a rates freeze due to the impact on Council's long term financial sustainability. For Port Phillip, this is estimated to be \$30 million over a 10-year period.</p> <p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>The Budget includes a \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, which will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Council currently provides rate relief to elderly members of our community. Despite the financial challenges caused by COVID-19, the budget includes a council funded rates relief up to \$175 or 50% of rates to pensioners who qualify for the Victorian Government funded pensioner rates support. Council also provides a \$60 rebate to households who opt for a 80L waste bin (120L default).</p>
CBR-115	Individual	Supports the Eco House in St Kilda Botanic Gardens.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-116	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Accessible Yoga program initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-112
CBR-117	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town and Make Your Mark initiatives).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Get Out Of Town and Make Your Mark programs will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-118	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
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CBR-120	Individual	Lives in Ingle Street, Port Melbourne. All the residences in this development pay a body corporate to collect weekly waste, manage our roads and street lamps. Pays about \$2000 to the body corporate and pays the full council rates. Was informed over 2 years ago that Council was working to find a solution to remove the waste collection costs from their rates given this is not a service that is provided to us at all. This has not occurred. Asks if the solution will come soon!	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-030
CBR-121	View Hotel	<p>Is an independent 206 room Hotel with 80 staff located at 562 St Kilda Road in the Gateway Ward. Requests that Council consider a 50% waiver of rates and charges over the pandemic period with the remainder to be deferred and repayable by equal monthly installments over a 24 month period following the end of that period.</p> <p>Raises the absence of support for the many businesses along St Kilda Rd. The council marketing online appears to be focused on the three main precincts of Port Melbourne, South Melbourne Markets and St Kilda foreshore.</p> <p>Has been very impressed with the support that has been provided by the City of Melbourne whilst the City of Port Philip has been woeful in engaging with businesses in need.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>The Budget for 2020/21 includes a \$150,000 initiative within the \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to develop and implement with businesses, a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months. Council would like to work with all business groups to develop initiatives to encourage intrastate and interstate tourism as well as promoting business activity in the city to ensure demand support for across municipality.</p> <p>Our ability to provide rate relief is limited, as we are operating in rate capped environment, which restricts our ability to have a rates freeze or reduce rates this year and in the future to raise revenue to meet any relief provided in the short and medium term.</p> <p>For businesses looking to redevelop properties in a quiet period, Council is prepared to work with industry to streamline application and approvals process.</p>
CBR-122	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise programs)	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the exercise classes will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-123	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Choir of Voices initiative and Writing and Communication groups).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the City of Voices and writing and communication groups will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-124	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-125	Individual	Requests Council look at greatly increased levels of both internal economy, and also look at making all departments compliant with both their empowering legislation but also with the broader Legal Requirements. As the Council's operating environment has much high value land which results in high rate levels and also low levels of new infra-structure spending	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – draft budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – draft budget 20/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• The budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 821 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>City of Port Phillip actively manages its property portfolio for long term sustainability, and to maximise value for the community overall. Where a property is considered to be surplus, it is divested and the proceeds will be quarantined in the Strategic Property Reserve. For instance, 8 York Street, St Kilda West was recently sold in July.</p> <p>Council's instruments of delegation and authorisation, and other supporting documentation, are reviewed and updated regularly throughout the year to ensure the correct delegation of powers, functions and duties under State legislation to members of council staff and council committees. We also subscribe to a legal service that provides regular update on legislative changes which were assented to, or made, which affect council's powers, duties and functions.</p>
CBR-126	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-127	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-128	Individual	Is a resident of the Ingles St development and as a resident, pays both rates and body-corporate fees and both include fees for the collection & removal weekly waste and fortnightly recycling. Council has divested itself of responsibility but it still charges for, and collects money, for a service it does not provide. Asks for a review into the calculation of rates that the Council levies on residents of this development.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-030
CBR-129	Kids In Nature Network and Port Phillip EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-130	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-131	South Port Community Centre	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-132	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks Council reinstating at least partial funding in the new financial year for the redevelopment of the EcoCentre.</li> <li>• Endorses the priorities for social housing and caring for the vulnerable, as well as supporting the creatives who continue to struggle in COVID-19 times.</li> <li>• Hopes that Council can make strong moves towards Zero emissions in 2020/21. The Climate Emergency is upon us and cannot be left unaddressed.</li> <li>• Support funds spent on educating the community on household and business waste streams will save Council money on the landfill levy. Better education of the public in regards to public littering and more effective infrastructure, such as dedicated butt bins for cigarettes, will also greatly improve public amenity. There is so much to do in this regard.</li> <li>• Is disappointed that funds for partnering with Bayside regarding Elsternwick Nature Reserve and Greening projects seem to have been postponed. Greening initiatives would give high value for small investments and urges Council to revisit these aspects of the new budget.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has committed \$2.75 million to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. The 2020/21 Council budget also includes an allocation of \$926,000 to enable construction to commence if partnership funding is received from the Victorian Government or other sources. We have also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020/21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.</p> <p>Council has also allocated \$5.6 million to provide additional economic support and stimulus for our community in light of the COVID-19 emergency, including additional funding for social housing, vulnerable people and creative industries.</p> <p>Council is on track to achieve zero net emissions for its own operations in 2020/21 and has included a number of initiatives in the budget to support the community to achieve the zero net emissions by 2050 goal. This includes programs and projects to support the community to reduce their emissions in their homes and businesses, encourage uptake of electric vehicles and increase sustainable design standards for new developments in the Planning Scheme.</p> <p>The draft Council budget for 20/21 also includes an allocation of \$296,000 for litter bin renewal and expansion, as well as \$15,132,857 towards our waste collection services, including waste education.</p> <p>Council remains committed to the Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and has committed \$1.16 million over the next four years to reduce flooding and improve environmental outcomes in the Catchment. The majority of funding has been allocated in 2023/24 to ensure we have sufficient time to plan and design projects that deliver the best outcomes for our community, in collaboration with neighbouring Councils and State Government.</p> <p>Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 on Council, the budget for tree planting in 20/21 has been reduced, which will reduce the total number of trees planted. A larger budget has been listed in the following years to increase the number of trees planted and ensure the canopy target is met.</p>
CBR-133	South Port Community Centre	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-134	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-135	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
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CBR-137	Individual	Urges Council to prioritise the implementation of a network of protected, separated bike paths throughout the Port Phillip area. Urges Council to install temporary protected bike lanes as soon as possible, to take advantage of the decrease in motor vehicle traffic and the increase in bicycle traffic arising from the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Such temporary bike lanes should, in due course, be replaced by permanent protected bicycle lanes.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. Our budget provides annual funding to enable the delivery of these routes: \$770,000 in 2020/21 with a projection to increase to at least \$1.2 million per annum for the following four years.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-138	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-139	Individual	<p>Is totally inappropriate and tone deaf for Council to be increasing rates in a year where most ratepayers have taken a major financial hit due to COVID-19. Asks are we in this together, or does the Council see itself as not needing to care. Key metrics, compared to neighbouring councils, suggest highlight extravagant spending and inefficient/bloated management. Suggests that either the council needs to take a good hard look at itself, or resign and let some fresh blood do it.</p> <p>At a minimum: Compared to Bayside, Stonnington, and Hobson's Bay your spending is extravagant, your staffing levels indicate gross inefficiency, and spending 33% of income on mgt is further indication of a council out of control. Further, you clearly treating single residences as cash cows, for they are being the brunt of the increases each year.</p> <p>What needs to happen: 1. Cut staffing by 20% to bring Port Phillip in line with the councils listed above, with management and administration to take the highest hit. 2. Cut spending by 30%, to progressively bring PP in line with those council. 3. Collect market-rated rental from council-owned businesses and properties. 4. Cut this year's rates by 5%, compared to last year. 5. Introduce term limits in councillors, ie bring in fresh thinking, which is focussed on the needs of ratepayers, not the councillors.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most. Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – the budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• The combined impact has resulted in a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21 and includes a reduction in management overheads where possible and reducing or seeking greater efficiency in the provision of corporate functions.. A pay freeze in 2020/21 also applies to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively. Instead, our \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, targets those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Our Property Policy was endorsed in September 2019 following extensive community consultation. We are committed to ensuring that the use and occupancy of its property provides the optimal use of Council resources. Our properties are used to support service delivery, and promote health and wellbeing, social, environmental, cultural, recreational or economic opportunities and benefits in the City of Port Phillip by leasing or licencing Council property to community organisations. Council properties suited to commercial use are to be solely used by commercial organisations for the purpose of generating commercial revenue and commercial leases are at market rent.</p>

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CBR-139	Individual		Note request	<p>Each council has a different operating context such as its asset base and condition, geography, demographic mix, service priorities, operating models (in-house vs contracted services), and population growth. For the City of Port Phillip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have the highest reported number of homeless persons amongst our neighbouring Councils, therefore we provide funding to support affordable housing and provide homelessness support services.</li> <li>• A large food and retail market (South Melbourne Market)</li> <li>• We operate five children centres and support a number of community run centres.</li> <li>• Along with Yarra council, we are the only Council in Victoria that provide a community transport service.</li> <li>• We have two staffed adventure playgrounds.</li> <li>• We have in total 15 community centres – one of the highest in Victoria.</li> <li>• Being a popular tourist destination, the City of Port Phillip allocates a significant budget annually to manage the influx of visitors over summer.</li> <li>• We invest in festivals including the St Kilda Festival, St Kilda Film Festival and Live n' Local festival, which is aligned to our Creative and Prosperous City strategy.</li> <li>• We are investing in the Customer Experience Program including replacement of ageing assets/end of life core systems. This is not ongoing. We expect this program will be repaid over the next 10 years through financial savings achieved by the program.</li> <li>• We have an in-house street cleaning services, which shows as employee expenditure instead of contract expenditure for most other councils. We also offer a higher level of beach cleaning.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Services</th> <th>Income (\$,000s)</th> <th>Expenditure (\$,000s)</th> <th>FTEs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Social housing &amp; indigenous support</td> <td>-</td> <td>1,242</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long day care</td> <td>9,585</td> <td>8,569</td> <td>86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer Management</td> <td>-</td> <td>550</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Melbourne Market</td> <td>6,843</td> <td>7,616</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Festivals</td> <td>866</td> <td>4,106</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer Experience program</td> <td>-</td> <td>9,649</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adventure Playground</td> <td>8</td> <td>840</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parking services</td> <td>29,836</td> <td>15,252</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-House Beach Cleaning</td> <td>-</td> <td>912</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-House Street Cleaning</td> <td>-</td> <td>4,550</td> <td>46</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Any person who can meet the requirements prescribed within the Local Government Act 2020 can nominate for Council. Every four years a new Council is elected representing the diverse views of the community. It is not Council's intention to consider the issue of term limits for Councillors – contacts for Local Government Victoria are: phone 9208 333; email: <a href="mailto:local.government@delwp.vic.gov.au">local.government@delwp.vic.gov.au</a>; website: <a href="https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/what-we-do/local-government-victoria">https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/what-we-do/local-government-victoria</a>.</p>	Services	Income (\$,000s)	Expenditure (\$,000s)	FTEs	Social housing & indigenous support	-	1,242	5	Long day care	9,585	8,569	86	Summer Management	-	550	3	South Melbourne Market	6,843	7,616	11	Festivals	866	4,106	14	Customer Experience program	-	9,649	2	Adventure Playground	8	840	8	Parking services	29,836	15,252	39	In-House Beach Cleaning	-	912	7	In-House Street Cleaning	-	4,550	46
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CBR-140	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024																																												
CBR-141	Individual	Asks what Council is doing to support cycling in the City of Port Phillip and lead a post COVID-19 change in transport patterns. Requests Council build infrastructure to support people who want to make this mode shift, as there is no budget for sustainable transport improvements within the budget.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-034																																												

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CBR-142	Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-143	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-144	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-145	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-146	Individual	<p>Is amazed at the lack of security upgrades occurring across the municipality, namely St Kilda, where there seems to be large scale issues with the security of our owners, patrons, lessors, and tenants. Is surprised that Council seems to have discounted the need for general security upgrades to allow for the redevelopment.</p> <p>States that the redevelopment will serve no purposes if the community does not feel safe to leave their homes to visit.</p> <p>Also states that the significant decline in occupancy rates will only continue to drive council budgets "through the floor" and by not providing for future upgrades, this take longer to get St Kilda back to what the community wants.</p>	Note request	<p>In terms of public security, Council's role is limited to security of public places. There is \$2.9 million in the budget in 2020/21 for Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government, to revitalise and reshape the Palais Theatre and Luna Park precinct to revitalise the area and create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly, attractive and usable space.</p> <p>Council has programmed in 2021/22 to complete public space security improvements to Acland St plaza, Catani Gardens (subject to partnership funding) and Shakespeare Grove.</p>
CBR-147	Port Phillip Community Group	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.	Note request	<p>Council has worked with Port Phillip Community Group for a number of years now and is impressed with the organisation's responsiveness and agility to meet community demand across a number of areas, its partnership and leverage arrangements and its commitment to meeting need as circumstances change and now in the COVID-19 emergency.</p> <p>Council is pleased to continue to support the Port Phillip Community Group to deliver a range of services in our municipality, to a total of \$610,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities. We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the PPCG will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal. Included in the budget for 2020/21 is an additional \$45,000 to support the PPCG lead the Share the Food Project to 30 September 2020.</p>
CBR-148	Individual	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group. Also requests a funding increase of at least 12.5% in response to demand for its services.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has worked with Port Phillip Community Group for a number of years now and is impressed with the organisation's responsiveness and agility to meet community demand across a number of areas, its partnership and leverage arrangements and its commitment to meeting need as circumstances change and now in the COVID-19 emergency.</p> <p>Council is pleased to continue to support the valuable work the PPCG does for the whole municipality and our most vulnerable, to a total of \$610,000, with annual increases equivalent to the CPI plus access to Council facilities. Council is not able to accommodate a 12.5% overall uplift funding for PPCG in the Budget 2020/21. However, the budget includes a \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program providing support to those that need it most. Included in that program is \$45,000 for PPCG to support the Share the Food Project to 30 September 2020.</p>
CBR-149	Port Phillip Community Group	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-147

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CBR-150	Port Phillip Community Group	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-147
CBR-151	South Port Community Centre	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-101
CBR-151	South Port Community Centre	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Monday Drop In initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities. We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Monday Drop In will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-152	Individual	<p>Believes that the Council should set an example and work within the restraints that now face the whole community.</p> <p>Most people will find it difficult enough to meet their existing commitments let alone find money for a rates increase. Asks how is the rest of the community has to manage with less and Council believes that it is entitled to more. Requests Council to manage within the framework of our annual revenue and do not draw on money set aside to meet expected future commitments.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – draft budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• The budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>The leadership team is conducting a review of our operating model to ensure that our organisation has the skills and experience required to meet changing community needs and expectations and importantly that we can help our community to respond and recover from COVID-19. We have also looked at what capability and capacity is required to support our current Council and what will be required to support a new Council and implementation of major pieces of legislation such as the Local Government Act. Importantly this has also been balanced with the need to ensure that the operating model is financially sustainable.</p> <p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>Our \$5.6 million economic and social support package, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19.</p>

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CBR-153	Libertarian Productions Pty Ltd	Requests parking permits for William Street, Balaclava, to allow residents to park outside or near their homes at all times. There are no back entrances, so unpacking shopping and getting children out of cars safely is very difficult. On the park side of the street have all day or 2 hour parking available for people using the playground/park or catching the train from Balaclava Station.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>At present William Street between Nightingale Street and The Avenue has 1P (one hour parking) parking restrictions with 2P parking restrictions on Williams Street between The Avenue and Gourlay Street. Eligible residents with a parking permit are exempt from these restrictions.</p> <p>If residents wish to have similar arrangements in the remaining section of William Street south of Gourlay Street, community support needs to be demonstrated before a change to the parking controls can be considered. This support is to be in the form of a letter signed by at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 per cent of properties in streets where there have been no changes to parking or parking consultation undertaken in the last 18 months; or,</li> <li>• 50 per cent of properties in streets where a parking change or parking consultation have been conducted in the last 18 months.</li> </ul> <p>The letter should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reasons for the request</li> <li>• The type of change requested</li> <li>• The names and addresses of the signatories to the letter.</li> </ul> <p>The letter can either be emailed to <a href="mailto:transport@portphillip.vic.gov.au">transport@portphillip.vic.gov.au</a> or posted to Transport Safety Engineering 99A Carlisle Street St Kilda VIC 3182</p> <p>Officers will then prepare a survey to be sent to abutting properties seeking feedback on the proposal. The residents and businesses of affected properties are then advised of Council's decision based on the level of support for the change.</p>
CBR-154	Individual	Thanks Council for its support for the EcoCentre. Notes that it's also vital that the EcoCentre can to continue to engage with the broader community through its outreach activities, educational programs, research collaborations.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-155	Foresight Education & Design	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-156	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-157	Albert Park Primary School	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-158	Individual	<p>Writes on behalf of family: 5 voters and different ratepayers. Wishes to record support for all the good work of Council and in particular, our support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• well resourced local government: Red tape is safety tape and we need strong well resourced public services, particularly in the COVID-19 time. Now seeing and suffering the fallout of deregulation of public institutions: with loss of expertise, corporate knowledge and governance in the long term public interest. Council needs to increase or at least maintain rates to support proper governance.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – draft budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• The budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul>
CBR-158	Individual	<p>Request Council support for our kindergartens and childcare: these centres are vital for building community and supporting families, women in particular. Relationships between children and their families, across the municipality, are the building blocks for engagement and belonging. Many of the worlds most prosperous and successful governments (german, scandinavian) give greater support, recognising access to childcare and education for families to be essential for fair and happy society.</p>	Note request	<p>Council's reduction in the operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre is not significant enough to be impactful, and duplicates Victorian Government funding to the centres. Council will continue to fund the proportion that supports the low-income subsidy - total Council contribution valued at \$117,000.</p>
CBR-158	Individual	<p>Requests more support for environment and climate change initiatives.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is committed to responding to the climate emergency. Direction 3 of the Council Plan outlines Council's priorities to green our city, lower carbon emissions, adapt to climate change, and to improve water and waste management.</p> <p>You can find more information on what Council is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to support community education in our Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy on our website at this location - <a href="http://www.portphilip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm">http://www.portphilip.vic.gov.au/sustainability.htm</a></p>

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CBR-159	Individual	With COVID-19 gradually getting a foothold in Port Phillip, some reduction in expenditure is required. All funding for the arts/events and "could have" type services should cease for 2020/21. If the gallery cant open or the event is cancelled then it does not require ratepayers funding. However core function like rubbish collection, street cleaning, maintenance of infrastructure like paths, roads, drains and parks should continue.	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – draft budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• The budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>Where services cannot be provided by Council, all discretionary expenditure will minimise as much as possible, redeployment of staff to other areas and freeze recruitment.</p>
CBR-159	Individual	Addendum: Further council should not be funding and planning event in 2021 that won't happen, like sadly, the St Kilda Festival. Recently the St Kilda Film Festival had to go online when St Kilda theatres and the town hall could not be used.	Note request	<p>With the impacts of COVID19 it may not be possible to hold St Kilda Festival in its usual format. Council is preparing for this possibility whilst looking at ways a reimaged St Kilda Festival can be used to further support and form part of a recovery plan for the local music/arts industries, community and traders. A decision on this will be made at the appropriate time. The change to an online St Kilda Film Festival this year was very successful with over 47,000 viewers across the nine-day Festival.</p> <p>Due to an inability to guarantee the safety of our community, the 2021 St Kilda Festival is unlikely to go ahead. The need to procure infrastructure and entertainment in advance means that a decision is required by Council by the end of August and as stage 4 restrictions remain in place until September; it's untenable to think an affirmative decision could be made within this timeframe. Officers have put forward a recommendation for Council consideration to suspend the Festival for one year and for the \$1.7 million in funds to be quarantined in reserve for one-off spend on economic and cultural recovery (including a focus on live music and the creative industries). Response to be updated following the 19 August Council meeting.</p>
CBR-159	Individual	Note: surely a submission require the submitter address and not just a suburb? This submission link does not have provision for an address. Proof of residence in Port Phillip or if you are a Port Phillip ratepayer is essential when talking about spending of our high rates. Only funding for the benefit of residents and ratepayers should be proposed. Please add address to this survey form.	Note request	<p>The public consultation process on the draft Budget is open for anyone to put in a submission. Whether the person is a resident or ratepayer in Port Phillip, an out-of-town owner of a business in Port Phillip or a visitor to Port Phillip, we are interested in their views. We do require submitters to include the suburb that they reside in and this gets reported to Council .</p> <p>We have also requested an email address to contact the submitter rather than a physical address. This is our preferred channel for responding to submissions. This is particularly pertinent during the current lockdown. With most staff working from home, access to stationery to send physical responses is difficult. However, if a person submitting an online submission does not have an email address, they can either call the ASSIST team on 9209 6777 or email: helpdeskabpp@portphillip.vic.gov.au.</p>

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CBR-160	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-161	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-162	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the Friends of Suai.	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support the Friends of Suai initiative in 2020/21 at around \$125,000. This includes \$10,000 of project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima is proposed to enable them to conduct an annual audit of the Covalima Community Centre accounts; ship Council computer and technology equipment surplus to requirements and deliver soap and sanitiser to Suai; expand the solar lighting scheme; and conduct hygiene, maths and science training. It also includes a \$50,000 grant to the Suai/Covalima Community Centre for Friendship plus the Council's co-ordinator position.
CBR-163	City of voices	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-164	LIVE - Locals Into Victoria's Environment	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-165	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-166	CAPP, PECAN, Extinction Rebellion.	Supports reconstruction of the EcoCentre building in the Blessington St Gardens and Council needs to find the funds within its own capacity, without making its own contribution contingent on the State Government committing funds beforehand. Commencing the rebuilding now would add greatly to the effectiveness of the EcoCentre as a hugely welcome leader in promoting and supporting community-based action to remediate the inadequacies of knowledge, resilience, and targetted programs and projects for improving the sustainability of our ecologically challenged urban environment .	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-167	Individual	Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's contribution for the necessary redevelopment works which will mean that the Ecocentre's programs can be be expanded by a factor of three.</li> <li>• For Council to vigorously advocate for Ecocentre funding to the Victorian Government.</li> </ul>	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-168	Werribee River Association	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-169	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-170	Greensong/EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre. The EcoCentre fosters engagement that offers so much more than educational programs and research, it connects people to each other and our local natural world in meaningful ways. We need the sense of community and resilience of individuals, community and environment to survive the challenges ahead.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-171	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-172	Poets Grove Children's Centre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-173	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-174	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-175	Individual	Thanks Council for continuous support of the EcoCentre and their essential education, research and volunteering programs, especially in a world experiencing climate change.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-176	Reptile Encounters	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-177	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-178	Individual	I am a long term resident of Elwood. I would like to endorse the Council budget and participated in Q&A and hub focus meetings. The process has been good.	Note request	Thank you for your participation in the budget consultation including your attendance at our first ever series of virtual focus groups. The willingness of community members, such as yourself, to engage has been invaluable in us better understanding the concerns and priorities of our community moving forward. The impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdowns has been significant on our City and required a quick rethink of how we can still work with our community in addressing the significant financial gap. We are delighted with the response to our digital consultation process and will be incorporating elements of this moving forward in future community engagements.
CBR-178	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support for Friends of Suai.	Note request	Refer to CBR-162
CBR-178	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-179	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to using Zoom to access their services)	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities. We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre, whether using Zoom or in person, will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-180	Individual	Requests that Council lend its full budgetary support to the EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-181	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre and its many Council-funded programs.	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-182	Individual	Lives in a development, which uses private contractors for waste services, yet still charged for waste services by Council. Would appreciate the budget amending to remove the charging of ratepayers for services that are not used. Either that, or Council start collecting their waste so that the Owners Corporation can cancel the private waste service.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-030
CBR-183	Individual	The necessary funding of \$22,000 to complete the work on the Remembrance Garden installed by Council in 2018 in the Port Melbourne Railway Reserve was not provided in that year and requests for inclusion in successive budgets have been unsuccessful. Neither has funding been included in the draft budget for 2021.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-185	U3APP	<p>Parking limitations</p> <p>Each of the council facilities used by U3APP is located in residential areas, which have time restricted and permit zones.</p> <p>Proposes that Council introduce a new class of parking permit. This parking permit would be limited to members of organisations who have formal leasing arrangements with the Council to utilize community centres on a regular basis and effects on members because they cannot attend face to face classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits to be limited to geographic boundaries i.e. the streets immediately surrounding the community centre.</li> <li>• Time limits to be a maximum of 4 hours during the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00pm.</li> <li>• Eligibility to be limited to;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Residents in Port Phillip post codes, and</li> <li>b. Members of a community organisation with a leasing agreement with Port Phillip Council for ongoing use of a community centre, and</li> <li>c. The applicant is the holder of a state issued Seniors Card.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Permit to be issued annually on an application basis in line with other parking permits.</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>There is a limited amount of public parking space in the City of Port Phillip. As the population grows, demand on this space increases. Council allocates available kerb space to types of parking that best reflect the needs of people in a specific street or area. This is consistent with best practice and forms part of a transparent approach that has been successfully utilised by Council for many years. Most Community Centres that U3APP uses are in residential streets. Council prioritises residential parking in residential areas. While the COVID-19 has presented many unprecedented challenges, to provide parking permits to members of U3APP would result in reducing car parking availability for residents, it will also be at odds with parking permits providing priority for residents in the streets near their homes.</p> <p>Parking controls on-street allow for activities with a range of durations by a mix of 1P, 2P and 4P time limited parking spaces and these do not require a parking permit to use within these time limits. Disabled car parking spaces are provided outside of all centres for people with disabilities. Drivers with a blue disabled parking permit also can park for twice as long as indicated on the parking signs. Other drivers will need to plan their trip and use available on-street parking.</p>
CBR-185	U3APP	Hopes Council's community facilities will be able to reopen soon. Is concerned that as there will be additional costs in how the facilities are managed and cleaned, especially as these facilities are multi-use with different groups occupying the premises at the same time. Would like Council to include a realistic budget amount to cover the costs associated with reopening and managing and maintaining community facilities.	Note request	Community facilities have been closed in line with Victorian Government requirements. Preparations have been made for reopening when safe and allowed to do so. Appropriate budget has been allocated for increased management costs associated with COVID-19 response activities.

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CBR-185	U3APP	Access to technology Requests an upgrade of the audio/visual technology in the hall at the Mary Kehoe Centre. The use of this hall will become of greater importance going forward as it is the only area at the Centre that will accommodate people under the new rules around social distancing. If this hall cannot be used effectively then in effect the whole of the Mary Kehoe Centre is unusable. The upgrade of the technology in this area will assist the whole of the U3A membership as well as other users of this facility.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	The current set up for the Mary Kehoe Centre is a projector / screen with TVs in meeting rooms, which is standard across our portfolio. There are no plans to upgrade the A/V technology at the Mary Kehoe site in 2020/21.
CBR-185	U3APP	Support for specific initiatives in the draft budget. U3APP plays a specific role in the community. Its members interests cover the broad spectrum of issues identified in the draft budget however U3APP is limiting its submission to those matters that affect residents as members of U3APP. In that vein U3APP acknowledges and supports the following specific initiatives detailed in the draft budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate volunteer program.</li> <li>• Targeted grants to rebuild social connections post COVID-19.</li> <li>• Proceed with Community Grants.</li> <li>• Bridging the digital divide - provide training, equipment and other support to community..</li> <li>• Work with the community sector to understand emerging impacts.</li> <li>• Continue delivery of programs and events that celebrate our diverse communities, including seniors' events.</li> </ul>	Note request	Noted
CBR-186	NPCC	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre	Note request	Refer to CBR-181
CBR-187	SouthPort Community Centre	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Women's Activity Group program initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-107
CBR-188	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre	Note request	Refer to CBR-181

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CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<p>States that there is very little funding allocated to support specific multicultural programs. Current financial support includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity and Ageing Support Grants (\$22475).</li> <li>• Cultural Diversity Week and Refugee Week funding.</li> <li>• Administrative support for the MAC, Multifaith network and Multicultural Forum.</li> <li>• Administrative assistance to multicultural senior groups towards preparation and acquittal of grant applications.</li> <li>• Translating and interpreting budget.</li> <li>• Multicultural library collection funding.</li> </ul> <p>Multicultural communities also access small amounts of mainstream funding including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Grants Program of which a very small percentage is allocated to multicultural groups;</li> <li>• Meals Subsidy Grants of which approximately 40 percent of the \$200K, goes towards culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) senior groups.</li> <li>• Seniors Festival funding of which a small percentage assists CALD senior groups to participate.</li> <li>• Rent subsidisation to support 10-15 multicultural senior groups to meet at Council facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Requests an on-going commitment to funding multicultural activities and programmes through a clearly delineated budget line.</p> <p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities Seeks assurances that staff who currently support the work of the MAC and support members of ethnic communities, including for purposes of applying for various grants, will continue to provide this support.</p> <p>We understand that cuts need to be made, however the overall investment by Port Phillip on programmes that cater specifically for cultural minorities is not overwhelming. Maintaining a vibrant community that celebrates diversity requires us to constantly monitor the needs and contributions made by minority communities.</p>	Note request	<p>The City of Port Phillip promotes positive community relationships and continues to provide a range of services and advice to assist people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Council has developed a balanced Budget for 2020/21 that in addition to addressing the rates capping challenge and the significant financial impact and risks associated with COVID-19, continues to provide critical services and infrastructure. This has been achieved by strategically prioritising expenditure. While a small number of services, some of which are temporary, have had to cease or had reduced budget, most of the savings have come from careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio, and organisational efficiency savings.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks confirmation that the rearrangement of the grant schemes being put forward will not have a deleterious impact on the capacity for ethnic minority community groups to apply for and receive funding for their community activities.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's Annual Community Grants and also the additional 'quick response' grants proposed as part of Council's Social and Economic Recovery program, will provide opportunities for ethnic minority community groups to apply for and receive funding for community activities. The opportunity has recently been provided to grant applicants to adjust the nature of their proposed programs to respond to the COVID-19 environment. Social connection, particularly for more vulnerable and isolated community members, is a key objective of the grants programs.</p>

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CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleased that a review will be conducted regarding the decision to cut ASSIST Counter Services in Port Melbourne and South Melbourne. Both these areas have large percentages of minority residents, many of whom are older, have limited English language skills and access to technology. Travelling to St Kilda may add a layer of difficulty and therefore provide a disincentive to those wishing to lodge an issue with ASSIST. This may be exacerbated if the Community Bus does not travel between the St Kilda Town Hall and these areas.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's 2020/21 budget includes the initiative to reduce ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne town halls to three days per week, from 10 am to 2 pm for the 2020/21 financial year, with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services.</p> <p>Over the next six to 18 months, Council will have significantly improved service delivery capability, increased self-service options and improved payment options for customers. These improvements provide the opportunity to streamline and make our counter services across all locations more efficient.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver a valued face to face counter service from all locations. The reduced opening hours and days will align to the current peak service times. Any customers who do not have access to internet or who do not wish to interact with us that way, will still be able to access and receive face to face service within these hours from Port and South Melbourne and outside of these hours from our St Kilda front counter. Customers can also contact us via the phone to receive support and services as required.</p> <p>We also have five community bus return services per working day linking St Kilda and Port Melbourne town halls.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the considerable reduction in spending for libraries and seeks assurance that this reduction will not cut into resources available in languages other than English. Books and other materials written in community languages are important for minority communities, especially members who cannot access such material readily because of financial and other reasons.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The reduction in spending on the Libraries' Collection is intended to be a one-off. The service will continue to purchase items based on identified need via borrowing figures and community requests. The reduction in spending will be shared across the entire Collection and there is no intention to target the provision of LOTE items to the community.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regard to the Youth Leadership and Engagement programme, concerned about any disproportionate impact these decisions may have on groups within our community with limited access to support and opportunity.</li> <li>• Supports some of the most vulnerable groups in our city. The cessation of pre-school dental checks will affect groups facing financial hardship as already noted by the Council. It is highly likely that migrant children will be some of those most affected by this decision. Whilst the responsibility sits with other agencies, we ask that the Council monitor the outcomes of this decision for further consideration into the future.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>This Youth Leadership and Engagement program is highly valued by the schools and Council, as it supports young people who go to school in the City of Port Phillip to gain leadership skills and opportunities. It provides students with a meaningful voice and empowers them in program planning, decision making and delivery. The six-month deferral is in response to physical distancing guidelines and delivers a temporary saving made up of facilitation costs, catering and hall hire. The program is being reviewed and developed into a format that will enable it to recommence in 2021 to achieve the same outcomes for our young people to strengthen their leadership skills. The program operates on a calendar and has been significantly impacted through COVID-19.</p> <p>The current funding agreement Star Health expired on 30 June 2020, and Star Health has been unable to undertake preschool dental checks during the State of Emergency. It is unclear how many children in our municipality are accessing the service, as the program is co-funded by other agencies. We acknowledge that some children, particularly those experiencing financial disadvantage, would be unable to access pre-school dental checks. As dental health is a state government responsibility and in response to Council's financial situation, this is a lower funding priority for Council. We monitor the health outcomes of our vulnerable families through our municipal health and wellbeing plan.</p>

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CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeks further information regarding which groups of children are most likely to be disengaged from early education and whether the decision to suspend the Early Education Partnership will have a disproportionate impact on migrant children. We seek clarification regarding how this change sits with the City of Port Phillip's Children's Policy which emphasises reaching the most vulnerable children.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Although the Early Education Partnership is not a direct service provided by Council, we contribute \$40,000 towards the network coordination role. This role has an education disengagement focus and young people are referred into the action team. As this service is a state government responsibility and in response to Council's financial situation, this is a lower funding priority for Council.</p> <p>This partnership does not have a proportionate benefit to young people in our municipality, it is a project with reach into neighbouring councils. We continue to direct resourcing to our vulnerable young people through our direct work through our Middle Years and Youth Lead Workers. These roles work with children experiencing a range of vulnerabilities including the risk of disengagement from education.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasis needs to be given to employment and retraining opportunities for those who have lost jobs, many of whom are migrants and international students.</li> <li>Supporting migrant businesses needs to be a priority, particularly given many of these provide employment opportunities for otherwise vulnerable people within our community.</li> <li>A coherent communication strategy needs to be developed for migrant communities.</li> <li>Strategies need to be developed that provide CALD community members affected by homelessness to become visible and have a direct voice in decision-making. Housing and homelessness is a critical issue for members of CALD communities who can often remain invisible in related discussions.</li> <li>Welcomes emphasis placed on digital literacies. We would like to highlight that members of CALD communities have additional needs. Seek assurances that strategies in this area will take account of those with specific cultural and linguistic needs.</li> <li>The current health crisis is exacerbating a number of existing problems including social isolation. Understands that those already vulnerable may be further disadvantaged. Strategies designed to overcome social isolation must cater for the needs of particular communities through inclusive approaches.</li> <li>Needs to be a 'watch and see' brief on any possible threats to social cohesion within Port Phillip.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's economic and social recovery program includes support for both businesses, and for persons affected by the current COVID pandemic. It is recognised that some multicultural communities have been disproportionately impacted. Social relief and recovery efforts are being targeted at providing support to those who need it most. The recovery package includes a proposed \$200,000 of funding to be set aside for future programs that will be determined as the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic are monitored into the near future. Council's staff who support the work of the Multicultural Advisory Committee have and will continue to be involved in informing Council's recovery effort.</p> <p>With regards to Visibility of people from CALD communities affected by housing and homelessness and strategies developed, Council supports the value of a Housing First model of safe and permanent housing as the first priority for people experiencing homelessness. We are the lead agency in the Port Phillip Zero Rough sleepers initiative and works in partnership with local housing and homelessness agencies to support people who are currently sleeping rough or people at risk of homelessness. Port Phillip Zero partners share a commitment to understand the individual needs of people they serve which includes people of CALD backgrounds. In addition to direct outreach, the Housing and Homelessness program directly supports people 50 years+ and is inclusive of all people and cultures.</p>
CBR-189	Port Phillip Multicultural Advisory Committee	<p>Economic and social recovery for multicultural communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the MAC should be one of the groups with which the Council needs to consult regarding priorities for the next 4 years. In the current document no reference is made the MAC.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>In developing the Council Plan for 2021-31, it is expected that officers will be touching base with key stakeholders to identify their key priorities for the next four years.</p>

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CBR-190	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Voices of the Southside program as well as Communication and Creative Writing courses).	Note request	Council values Voices of the Southside programs and believe they are both important and very unique to this City. We are pleased to continue to support the South Port Community Centre to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the Voices of the Southside and South Port Community Centre will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-191	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre	Note request	Refer to CBR-181
CBR-192	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative), which supports the Voices of South Side.	Note request	Refer to CBR-190
CBR-193	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . As you are aware, the Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative has been re-imagined during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide outreach and welfare checks on the participants of the other programs.  We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre will be increasingly important for businesses and residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal. We also look forward to when the cruise ships return and we see the volunteers welcoming visitors
CBR-194	Waterfront Welomers	Request continued Council support of the Waterfront Welomers programme.	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-195	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-196	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-197	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-198	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-199	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-200	Waterfront Welomers	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-201	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre	Note request	Refer to CBR-181

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CBR-202	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).  Has included links to two videos we have filmed over the years at the gardens: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOzVKdfiyJ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOzVKdfiyJ8</a> <a href="https://youtu.be/vsENDD0QHMH">https://youtu.be/vsENDD0QHMH</a>	Note request	Refer to CBR-100
CBR-203	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-100
CBR-204	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise programs)	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	We are seeking economic assistance to help local businesses survive the current fallout from the continuing economic and health crisis we are in. 1 - Rate relief. At a minimum 25% reduction of rates payable by businesses in the winter quarter, to acknowledge their financial hardship. It could be set up as a grant and therefore targeted to the businesses that can show financial hardship through qualifying for Jobkeeper or similar test.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-021
CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	2 - The removal of parking fees for at least 6 months to allow easy access to our streets	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council prefers targeted measures which are financially prudent cognisant of services that still need to be provided in current and future environment.
CBR-205	Acland St Village Business Association	3 - A freeze on footpath trading permits until next year and an expansion of the areas used for outside dining to allow social distancing restrictions at no extra charge.	Note request	The current \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020 to facilitate social distancing.
CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	To help local business to survive an unprecedented economic and health crisis, we seek economic relief from the City of Port Phillip. The second lock down and possible stage four restrictions has left business in an even more perilous position than the initial lock down. A dramatic loss in trade combined with a tsunami of deferred cost shall if not managed well, will lead to devastation on our high streets. The FSBA request the following actions from the CoPP: • Rate relief equal 25% to all rates payable by businesses to be provided as rate relief in the winter quarter. Targeted by businesses that qualify for Jobkeeper and a similar test.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-021
CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	• The continuation of freeze on Co PP charges such as outside dining into next year.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	The current \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020 to facilitate social distancing.

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CBR-206	Fitzroy St Traders Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for a least six months.</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council prefers targeted measures which are financially prudent cognisant of services that still need to be provided in current and future environment.
CBR-207	Port Melbourne Historical & Preservation Society	<p>Is concerned about the proposal to reduce the Counter Services provided by ASSIST at the Port Melbourne Town Hall. The ASSIST officers have continually provided us with excellent service by keeping the key for our rooms and answering public enquiries about our Society as well as displaying and selling our publications. A reduction in their hours will certainly have implications for us.</p> <p>There are a number of citizens who do not have easy access to on-line information and who will be disadvantaged if the Counter Service is reduced. Even in our digital age, many people prefer to see and speak to others over a counter.</p> <p>Hopes that the ASSIST Counter Service will continue to operate within its current hours as we believe that the personal contact is still of great value to our citizens.</p>	Note request	<p>Council's 2020/21 budget includes the initiative to reduce ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne town halls to three days per week, from 10 am to 2 pm for the 2020/21 financial year, with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services.</p> <p>Over the next six to 18 months, Council will have significantly improved service delivery capability, increased self-service options and improved payment options for customers. These improvements provide the opportunity to streamline and make our counter services across all locations more efficient.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver a valued face to face counter service from the Port Melbourne counter. The reduced opening hours and days will align to the current peak service times. Any customers who do not have access to internet or who do not wish to interact with us that way, will still be able to access and receive face to face service within these hours from Port Melbourne and outside of these hours from our St Kilda front counter. Customers can also contact us via the phone to receive support and services as required.</p>
CBR-209	Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club	<p>I wish to support the written request of Mr Graham Lockwood AO to complete the Garden of Remembrance project at the Railway Reserve in Port Melbourne.</p> <p>I see the area each day as a local who resides nearby and attended the initial service there looking forward from 2018 for the completion. I have a lot of interest in the area of Port Phillip with my various roles and would think it very remiss not to compete the project having seen many others as important completed.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-007
CBR-210	Voices of the South Side	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Voices of the Southside program).	Note request	Refer to CBR-190
CBR-211	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Gentle Exercise group and exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-212	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Make Your Mark initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Make Your Mark program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-213	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122

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CBR-214	Individual	Requests Council for its continued support of the EcoCentre. Climate change will change everything. The EcoCentre model makes a valuable contribution to our community and to young people in our region who will be among the future leaders we need.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-215	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative at Fishermans Bend Community Centre).	Note request	Refer to CBR-100
CBR-216	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Exercise classes for Seniors including Strength Training and Barre program)	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities. We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the exercise classes for seniors including Strength Training and Barre program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-217	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-218	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes which are conducted via Zoom).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-219	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to 50+ exercise program).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122

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CBR-220	Submitted on behalf of the Elsternwick Park Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks Council for keeping the budget allocation for Elsternwick Park North in the draft Budget to partner with Bayside Council to co-fund an urban forest and wetland subject to evidence which will deliver reduced downstream flooding, improved water quality, capacity for water harvesting, public amenity and enhanced biodiversity.</li> <li>• Seeks confirmation by Council of the 2018 resolution of Elsternwick Park North MOU to ensure the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) and Bayside City Council (BCC) partnership continues to jointly enact and co-fund the Masterplan for Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve - March 2020 (Masterplan report, BCC)</li> <li>• Requests that the Masterplan is not delayed if in the context of climate change we are to prevent the future escalation of the damaging environmental threats of frequent flooding in Elster Creek.</li> <li>• Commends Council to provide emergency and targeted support to residents, business and groups impacted by COVID-19 and to prioritize plans for 2 years ahead to maintain a safe, well, cohesive and engaged community.</li> </ul> <p>Proposes to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the EPNR Masterplan Report 2020 in accordance with 21 March 2018 resolution.</li> <li>2. Co fund a truly remarkable Urban Forest and Wetland to achieve the aligned priorities of COPP detailed in the EPNR Masterplan.</li> <li>3. Continue the dialogue with BCC for an MOU to be signed for implementation of the project.</li> </ol>	0	<p>Council remains committed to the Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and has committed \$1.16 million over the next four years to reduce flooding and improve environmental outcomes in the Catchment.</p> <p>Council has worked in partnership with City of Bayside and Melbourne Water to develop the Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve Masterplan, which responds to Council's priorities to reduce flooding, improve water quality, improve capacity for water harvesting and enhance public amenity and biodiversity.</p> <p>We will continue to work with our partners to agree the best use of Council's funding and to identify, plan and implement projects that deliver the best outcomes for our community.</p>

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CBR-221	Port Phillip Multifaith Network	<p>Values very much meeting and working with Council. Noted Council has supported and helped realise pathways at their meetings and in our diverse and often segregated communities to talk, listen and exchange. Commentary In terms of the Economic and Social Recovery Program, in uncertain times, there is always a need for calm, moderate and collective thinking. All 16 initiatives Council is considering meet this criteria and is happy to endorse.</p> <p>PPMN will continue feeding back whole-of-community needs to continue with Reconciliation, Acceptance of Diversity and Reduction or Eradication of Ignorance-fuelled Racism as COVID-19 constraints and tightening budget concerns compete with priorities and needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multifaith groups especially support extending hardship provisions in the current COVID-19 crisis</li> <li>2. Council support for volunteering networks</li> <li>3. Council support for bridging the digital divide as at the moment all religious gatherings can only be online.</li> <li>4. Support the funding for emerging social impacts</li> <li>5. Support work around affordable housing and temporary accommodation for rough sleepers</li> <li>6. Support community assistance to food programs</li> <li>7. Support for work with the community sector.</li> </ol>	Note request	Noted
CBR-221	Port Phillip Multifaith Network	<p>Commented on three of the proposed service level reductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Satisfaction Survey: if this was electronically captured by way of online form (ie, Survey Monkey), would this deliver the desired data points AND cost savings IN real time?</li> <li>• Youth Leadership and Engagement program deferred for 6 months: there has never been a more important time to connect with, inspire, engage and listen to what youth are experiencing. Rather than deferring, would switching this to webinar, online small group discussions or 1-1 mentoring work?</li> <li>• Pre-School Dental Check Program: not sure of the program fail here, teeth decay and hygiene are unrelated to COVID-19. However, there is enough evidence to know that good dental hygiene from a young age improves general health and educational outcomes over lifetime of individuals and societies.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>With respect to the reduction in the number of questions asked in the Customer Satisfaction Survey, you have raised a valid point about getting customer feedback via other forms such as Survey Monkey. I understand that Council officers are looking to find other ways to capture this information to feed into the Council Plan.</p> <p>This Youth Leadership and Engagement program is highly valued by the schools and Council, as it supports young people who go to school in the City of Port Phillip to gain leadership skills and opportunities. It provides students with a meaningful voice and empowers them in program planning, decision making and delivery. The six-month deferral is in response to physical distancing guidelines and delivers a temporary saving made up of facilitation costs, catering and hall hire. The program is being reviewed and developed into a format that will enable it to recommence in 2021 to achieve the same outcomes for our young people to strengthen their leadership skills. The program operates on a calendar and has been significantly impacted through COVID-19.</p> <p>The current funding agreement with Star Health expired on 30 June 2020, and Star Health has been unable to undertake preschool dental checks during the State of Emergency. It is unclear how many children in our municipality are accessing the service, as the program is co-funded by other agencies. We acknowledge that some children, particularly those experiencing financial disadvantage, would be unable to access pre-school dental checks. As dental health is a state government responsibility and in response to Council's financial situation, this is a lower funding priority for Council. We monitor the health outcomes of our vulnerable families through our municipal health and wellbeing plan.</p>

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CBR-222	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-223	Star Health	<p>Social Health and Inclusion Port project - City of Port Phillip Budget Submission</p> <p>COVID-19 has presented unprecedented challenges to local community organisations and residents.</p> <p>Social Health and Inclusion Port (SHIP) members have experienced first-hand, the loss of face-to-face activities that would normally bring them together socially. There's a growing body of evidence suggests that the quality and quantity of social relationships affect health behaviours, physical and mental health.</p> <p>Council plays a large part in the continued service delivery to residents that improve and maintain health and wellbeing across the municipality. The Social Health and Inclusion Port project committee members endorse the Council's reprioritisation principles.</p>	Note request	See responses below
CBR-223	Star Health	<p>In terms of the City of Port Phillip's Strategic Directions:</p> <p>Strategic Direction 1: We embrace difference, and people belong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain annual Community Grants program at \$280,000 and suspending 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one year (\$56,000) – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.</li> </ul> <p>SHIP endorses council's commitment to maintaining the community grants program; however, in this climate of uncertainty and constant change the Neighbourhood Grants program 'quick response' program is just the mechanism that community can draw upon in times of need. The Neighbourhood grants have been used for several community-led social inclusion and social connection projects in Port Melbourne in the past (1947 Centre Avenue celebration, Garden City Picnic in the park, Little Free Libraries, &amp; Port Paw parade). The ability for the community to come together and innovate, with quick response funding support from council (such as is being offered at the City of Melbourne<sup>3</sup>), will be essential to build resilience in the community in a changing environment.</p>	Note request	<p>The Neighbourhood Grants are 'quick response' grants of typically less than \$1,000 throughout the year to support individuals and groups that deliver community based initiatives to enhance local neighbourhoods. Council agreed to suspend this for 12 months.</p> <p>In place of the Neighbourhood Grants for 20/21, \$10,000 is allocated in the proposed Economic &amp; Social Recovery program to deliver quick response community grants (up to 31 December 2020), that promote social connections and community resilience post the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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CBR-223	Star Health	<p>Regarding the youth leadership and youth services development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer Youth Leadership and Engagement program for 6 months (\$12,000).</li> <li>• Suspend Youth Service Development for 1 year (\$18,000).</li> </ul> <p>Received consistent community feedback that there are limited opportunities, particularly in Port Melbourne for young people to engage in accessible social connection programs. There has been a decline in youth activities in the area and, despite ongoing consultation, no youth hub from which to coordinate said activities. COVID-19 has been a major disrupter of all the usual ways in which people (particularly young people) have connected to each other.</p>	Note request	<p>This Youth Leadership and Engagement program is highly valued by the schools and Council, as it supports young people who go to school in the City of Port Phillip to gain leadership skills and opportunities. It provides students with a meaningful voice and empowers them in program planning, decision making and delivery. The six-month deferral is in response to physical distancing guidelines and delivers a temporary saving made up of facilitation costs, catering and hall hire.</p> <p>The program is being reviewed and developed into a format that will enable it to re-commence in 2021 to achieve the same outcomes for our young people to strengthen their leadership skills. The program operates on a calendar and has been significantly impacted through COVID-19.</p> <p>The funds that were allocated to delivery of the leadership program and a range of consultancy costs that have been placed on hold for 12 months while the COVID-19 restrictions are in place. A review of the program is expected to build in efficiencies that will incorporate online resources along with face-to-face interactions utilising modest facilities to significantly reduce operating costs.</p> <p>The funds for the Youth Service Development initiative for delivery of the leadership program and a range of consultancy costs have been temporarily placed on hold while the COVID restrictions are in place. A review of the program is expected to build in efficiencies that will incorporate online resources along with face-to-face interactions utilising modest facilities to significantly reduce operating costs. Council's FREEZA events are now provided virtually and we continue to provide support to individuals via the lead worker program.</p>

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CBR-223	Star Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend Early Education Partnership for 1 year (\$40,000).</li> <li>• Reduce operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre (\$19,000).</li> <li>• Cessation of pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health (\$36,000)</li> </ul> <p>Cessation of the pre-school dental check program funding agreement with Star Health means that families will no longer have easy access to preventable healthcare and tooth decay may develop for longer before being picked up by a healthcare professional.</p> <p>Tooth decay is the most common health problem in Victoria with half of all children and adolescents affected, and it is five times more common than asthma in children. Between 2014-16, 14% of children (0-5yrs) in the city of Port Phillip that attended a public dental service presented with at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth. Poor oral health can affect a child's ability to eat and speak and is also linked to poor diet, which means that pre-school dental check-ups are opportune times to detect and discuss nutrition concerns in children. Because tooth decay is largely preventable, regular dental check-ups are recommended to prevent problems from occurring. The cost associated with a dental check-up at a private clinic is often a barrier for many families, meaning that families in Port Phillip may no longer receive the necessary check-ups to prevent and detect oral health issues in their children.</p> <p>While private dental clinics may also conduct dental screenings, these generally come at a cost for families and may use a child's Child Dental Benefits Schedule, meaning vulnerable families will have less subsidy available for treatment costs.</p>	Note request	<p>Although the Early Education Partnership is not a direct service provided by Council, we contribute \$40,000 towards the network coordination role. This role has an education disengagement focus and young people are referred into the action team. As this service is a state government responsibility and in response to Council's financial situation, this is a lower funding priority for Council.</p> <p>Council's reduction in the operational subsidy to kindergartens from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per centre is not significant enough to be impactful, and duplicates Victorian Government funding to the centres. Council will continue to fund the proportion that supports the low-income subsidy - total Council contribution valued at \$117,000.</p> <p>The current funding agreement with Star Health expired on 30 June 2020, and Star Health has been unable to undertake preschool dental checks during the State of Emergency. It is unclear how many children in our municipality are accessing the service, as the program is co-funded by other agencies. We acknowledge that some children, particularly those experiencing financial disadvantage, would be unable to access pre-school dental checks. As dental health is a state government responsibility and in response to Council's financial situation, this is a lower funding priority for Council. We monitor the health outcomes of our vulnerable families through our municipal health and wellbeing plan.</p>
CBR-223	Star Health	<p>Strategic Direction 6: Our commitment to you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce ASSIST Counter Services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for 12 months (\$91,000), with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services – consulted with the community prior to the release of the draft Budget 2020/21.</li> </ul> <p>Do not endorse the withdrawal of counter services at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls. Port Melbourne residents, particularly older people with limited access to online information, routinely rely on the Assist desk for information and referrals to other services. Anecdotally we have information from the Port Phillip Welcomers volunteers that a number of elderly people using the service rely on phone contact as they do not have the ability to go online and this makes them very isolated as community members. We also know that some of the younger people that use South Port Community Centre services don't have the ability to get online, as they cannot purchase due to the costs.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council's 2020/21 budget includes the initiative to reduce ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne town halls to three days per week, from 10 am to 2 pm for the 2020/21 financial year, with officers to complete a review before 1 July 2021 to assess the impact of the change on community members who do not have online access to our services.</p> <p>Over the next six to 18 months, Council will have significantly improved service delivery capability, increased self-service options and improved payment options for customers. These improvements provide the opportunity to streamline and make our counter services across all locations more efficient.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver a valued face to face counter service from all locations. The reduced opening hours and days will align to the current peak service times. Any customers who do not have access to internet or who do not wish to interact with us that way, will still be able to access and receive face to face service within these hours from Port and South Melbourne and outside of these hours from our St Kilda front counter. Phone contact will remain available, Customers can always access our Contact Centre services via the phone to receive support and services as required.</p>

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CBR-224	St Kilda Medical Group	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-225	Individual	Requests Council to continue to prioritise funds and support to the Port Phillip Community Group in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-147
CBR-226	Individual	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-227	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-228	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-229	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-230	COV	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-231	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-232	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-233	Individual	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to City of Voices initiative)	Note request	Refer to CBR-038
CBR-234	Individual	Is a ratepayer as is the submitter's mother, who is 84 and lives on the aged pension. She has very little savings after years spent raising three children on her own. Any increase in rates would profoundly affect her. Is strongly opposed to any increase in Council rates.	Note request	Refer to CBR-033
CBR-235	Individual	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-236	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-237	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-238	SouthPort Community Centre	Thanks Council for its continued support of the South Port Community Centre and its many Council-funded programs.	Note request	<p>We have received so many submissions thanking us for our support of the South Pacific Community Centre and the 12 Council funded programs. We have read so many heart-felt and heart warming stories of what your programs have meant to the people participating in them, and how you have used technology such as Zoom to reach out to these people during lockdowns and periods of physical distancing.</p> <p>Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities. We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.</p>

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CBR-239	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-240	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-241	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Waterfront / Port Phillip Welcomers initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-242	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-243	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-244	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the Waterfront Welcomers programme.	Note request	Refer to CBR-193
CBR-245	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Strength and Exercise program)	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Strength and Exercises program will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-246	unChain	<p>Requests that Council allocate significant funding towards a Business Case for the St Kilda Triangle in this budget.</p> <p>The Triangle is an asset of state-wide importance. It should have a development with the pizzazz and drawing power of its neighbouring icons, the Palais and Luna Park. Such a development would also be a huge step in the much-needed urban renewal of Acland Street and Fitzroy Street.</p> <p>Port Phillip has spent a massive amount of money and time on the Triangle (perhaps too much). While Council currently receives a non-trivial return from parking fees, the medium term development of the Triangle as an entertainment and cultural precinct would provide a massive financial boost to Council's coffers. With significant government support for construction projects in the COVID-recovery process, now it the time to advance this project.</p> <p>If Council feels that it is unwilling or lacks the skills to be the lead agency for the Triangle project, then it should ask the State government to take over that role.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	There is no funding allocated in the Budget 2020/21 or in the 10 year projections for St Kilda Triangle. However, the St Kilda Triangle does remain a long term development opportunity for the City of Port Phillip and Council will continue to look at ways to partner with the State Government to decide a future use for the site consistent with the adopted 2016 masterplan.
CBR-247	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Exercise program)	Note request	Refer to CBR-122

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CBR-248	Meydan Group	<p>The Meydan Group, the owner and operator of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Carlisle Street, St Kilda, and member of Acland Street Traders Association, continues to advocate for the prioritisation of funding for the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The Council needs to prioritise the St Kilda precinct to support its local traders and community. The area is in dire need of revitalisation and economic stimulation – otherwise it will continue to decline.</p> <p>Failing to make an adequate investment in a strategic plan for St Kilda will result in Council falling short of its Council Plan.</p> <p>In finalising the Budget and Council plan, we request that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritise preparation and implementation of the St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan (the Plan);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allocate additional funds towards the Plan for the Financial Year 2020/2021;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure ongoing funding for the Plan for the life of the project (3 – 5 years); and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support site specific amendments that will support the revitalisation of St Kilda in a more timely manner.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan proposed to do an overarching strategic context looking at the three St Kilda Activity Centres (Fitzroy, Acland and Carlisle streets), followed by specific structure plans to guide development in each. With COVID-19 it has become apparent that Council needs to assess the impact of the pandemic on the medium to long growth and economic projections for the municipality and has proposed a change in this budget item to do some municipal wide piece of work that will benefit the South Melbourne and future St Kilda structure plans. This will initially look at the preferred housing growth strategy for St Kilda and South Melbourne structure plan areas and the broader municipality. The South Melbourne structure plan will supplement this with an economic capacity and demand review across the municipality which will also benefit the development of St Kilda structure plans. It is envisaged that these pieces of work will effectively replace the need for an overarching "St Kilda Framework" and provide a more rigorous basis to the development of the St Kilda (Fitzroy Street / Acland Street) and Carlisle Street structure plans.</p> <p>Preparation of the St Kilda (Fitzroy/Acland) and Carlisle Street structure plans will be put forward to the new Council for consideration as part of the next Council Plan</p> <p>The budget includes a \$150,000 initiative within the \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to develop and implement with businesses, a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months.</p> <p>To support such an initiative, officers have put forward an option for Councillor consideration.</p>
CBR-249	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-250	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-251	Individual	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-252	Individual	<p>Thrilled about and congratulate Council on in the plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the mandatory affordable housing contributions as part of new private developments,</li> <li>• partnering with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing to transition from 'pop-up' options to reduce rough sleeping,</li> <li>• leasing former backpacker accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing.</li> </ul> <p>Requests implementing three actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/7 security enforcing safe and drug/alcohol-free supported housing options</li> <li>• enforced medical treatment for substance affected rough sleepers</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's efforts to see the delivery of new housing that will reduce rough sleeping in the city is based on HousingFirst principles. This involves the provision of long-term accommodation (rather than short-term crisis accommodation) together with 'wrap around' support services that meet the specific needs of tenants. The Common Ground model which Council is seeking to implement, includes provision of these services on-site to ensure safe, support housing.</p> <p>Council is not a provider of alcohol and other drug services but work with service partners through the Port Phillip Zero initiative around housing and support options. These services receive state and federal funds to help tackle harm caused by alcohol and other drugs through outreach, counselling, mental health support and therapy. Council will continue to play a lead role in partnership development linking people experiencing homelessness to services available in their community.</p>

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CBR-252	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a shop vacancy tax pilot starting in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda will make a world of difference. It will revive St Kilda in preparation for the opening of the architectural masterpiece: Australia's first Pride Centre whose opening will be tainted by being surrounded by a slew of empty shopfronts/restaurants and people in desperate need of medical help who are not in sound mind to seek it.</li> </ul>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>A number of inner-metro councils have used differential rating as a strategy to address shop vacancies by increasing their share of rates distribution. However, differential rating is not available for commercial properties under a Net Annual Value rating system which Port Phillip currently use. A change to a Capital Improved Value rating system would enable differential rating – this process will require extensive consultation with our community. Your views will be considered in the development of the Revenue and Rating Plan to be endorsed by the new Council by June 2021.</p> <p>Officers have put forward an option in the Council report for consideration to match funding by the Fitzroy Street Traders Association to reinstate the initiative to reactivate Fitzroy Street in the post-COVID-19 recovery (\$75,000). Officers to seek Victorian Government funding for the second year. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-252	Individual	Also requests prioritising the planting of trees.	Note request	<p>With over 353 hectares of public space, including 11km of foreshore, Council agrees that this is a valuable resource for the community. The City of Port Phillip has approximately 46,000 trees with approximately 25% of trees these trees located in parks. Our draft Public Space Strategy 2020 includes the vision and blueprint for the future of our public spaces in the City of Port Phillip. It will inform Council's ongoing planning and investment in public spaces. More specific actions for greening streets in each of our neighbourhoods is provided in the draft Public Space Strategy Action Plan, which will be implemented over the next 11 years.</p> <p>The Greening Port Phillip Strategy and Street Tree Planting Program provides details on the existing canopy cover of City of Port Phillip managed land of 19%. This was measured in 2017 with the aim to increase canopy cover to 21% by 2027/28, it notes priority streets with minimal canopy cover to be prioritised for future upgrades. Each year approximately 1050 trees are planted in streets and parks. Due to COVID-19 there has been a reduced budget for 2020/21 in response to the significant financial gap, which will reduce total number of trees planted. A larger budget has been listed in the outer years to increase the number of trees planted to ensure the canopy target is met.</p>
CBR-253	Individual	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-254	Stop Adani Macnamara	Thanks Council for supporting the Port Phillip EcoCentre.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-255	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support for Friends of Suai/Covalima, Timor Leste.	Note request	Refer to CBR-162
CBR-256	Individual	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-257	Individual	<p>Forecast 2019/2020 - notices \$ 22,500,000 has been removed from Term Deposits leaving balance on hand \$ 60,500,000, but it difficult for me to find any reference in the comprehensive income statement.</p> <p>Budget 2020/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is happy with Council's desire to make a small profit however, does not agree with movement of profit into ratepayers term deposit account.</li> <li>• Firmly believes any profit in a year should be carried forward to the next year as a credit effectively reducing the next year budget amount. Based on previous years figures this could reduce budget amount for ratepayers by 5% to 6%.</li> </ul> <p>Rates split adopted 57 / 43, believes this should be 54 / 46.</p> <p>NAV is based on CIV ( home + land) net rental less expenses or 5% of CIV. This is a very expensive rate for a charge of rental for land the property stands on and has appearance of being a tax on land for all property owners. Has often heard it said that NAV is the fairest way to allocate rate payments, but find this hard to believe when this year, the dearest general rate will be approx. \$2384 and lowest \$1278. (based on 2020% rates).</p> <p>COVID-19 costs of \$22,500,000 taken up in 2020 figures suggests balance of \$ 0,000,000 less any offsets should be taken up this year , again from term deposits account.</p> <p>Many \$ assistance being provided to others by ratepayers , but no word of, say a 10% discount to ratepayers to be paid from TERM DEPOSIT account which would still have \$ 30,000,000 plus earning 2% pa.</p>	0	<p>Council officers were not able to verify the figures you were referring to. According to our balance sheet in the Council Plan document, the total forecast 2019/20 cash balance is expected to be \$78.4 million, to consist of \$17.9 million in cash and cash equivalent, and \$60.5 million in other financial assets (term deposits). Council uses the Comprehensive Income Statement Converted to Cash to ensure prudent financial management by maintaining a cumulative cash surplus. A \$0.98 million cumulative cash surplus is budgeted for 2020/21, which takes into consideration the carried forward cumulative cash deficit from 2019/20 of \$3.7 million and the financial impact of COVID-19. The total cash balance for budget 2020/21 is expected to be \$76 million, which is \$2.4 million lower than 2019/20. \$58.4 million has been allocated for statutory, contractual, strategic and operational purposes. Please refer to the Schedule of Reserve Movement table in the document for details.</p> <p>For any other financial queries, I encourage you to do contact our ASSIST team on 9207 6777 and they will organise a financial officer to clarify any questions.</p>

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CBR-258	Individual	<p>As a long term resident of Balaclava, I continue to wonder why it remains a relatively neglected area when compared with other suburbs in the municipality.</p> <p>With the current Covid crisis, the issue of "rough sleeping" has been amplified as many people try to seek shelter in doorways, under the train station, trees. I commend your plan to lease the Backpacker hostels in St Kilda so as to provide much needed and essential shelter for people.</p> <p>Coupled with this is your plan and commitment to increase the stock of social housing in the area. Again I commend this plan as this current health crisis has "shone a light " on the inbuilt difficulties in living in cramped high rise public accommodation. It seems necessary to advocate with other levels of government for stimulus funds to be made available for the development of social housing stock, and for incentives to be geared towards the construction industry so that people have a stream of work and that construction of these much needed housing units can occur in the near future.</p>	Note request	<p>Council recognises the importance of maintaining a socially diverse and inclusive community, and that appropriate housing is important to maintain the health and wellbeing of our residents. Our Affordable Housing Strategy 'In Our Backyard' aims to grow the supply of social and affordable housing to support a diverse community. The strategy includes initiatives to deliver new affordable housing across a spectrum of need, including for households on very low, low and moderate incomes.</p> <p>Specific affordable housing opportunities which Council is currently progressing includes Council land in Marlborough Street Balaclava being provided under a partnership with HousingFirst (as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust), to deliver 46 units of community housing for very low and low income persons. This project has recently been successful in receiving State Government funding, and together with two other recently funded projects will deliver 141 new units in Port Phillip.</p> <p>We are also progressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A temporary 'pop' up Common Ground housing project and also a permanent Common Ground facility, both in St Kilda, to provide supported social housing targeted at persons who are sleeping rough.</li> <li>• Negotiating private sector delivery of affordable housing in Fishermans Bend (both social and affordable private rental) under voluntary planning agreements. This has achieved permits that will deliver 65 units of social and affordable housing in four private developments.</li> </ul>
CBR-258	Individual	<p>Requests Council's Plan to create a sustainable future by committing to an actual greening of Balaclava. This suburb has the lowest percentage of canopy cover and open space when compared with other areas in the municipality. Encourages Council to increase the target from 21% to 25% by 2030. Young trees take at least 10 years to develop an effective canopy to counter the impact of our changing climate, and extreme heat events during the summer/autumn period.</p> <p>Is concerned in the proposed reduction in the Sustainability budget when the interlocking of several factors creates health problems for many of our citizens. One way of addressing is investment in cooling our environment. Our streets particularly those in Balaclava which carry high pedestrian traffic would be so advantageous to both residents, citizens and Council.</p>	Note request	<p>The draft Public Space Strategy recognises the importance of greening our City, particularly in response to climate change and urban heat. It notes the deficiency in open space in Balaclava and East St Kilda and specifically recommends Council look for opportunities to purchase land or repurpose road space in coming years. Specific actions for greening streets in each of our neighbourhoods is provided in the draft Public Space Strategy Action Plan, which will be implemented over the next 11 years. In response to the significant financial gap due to COVID-19, there has been a reduced budget to our Greening Port Phillip program for 2020/21, which will reduce total number of trees planted. However, larger budgets are in the outer years to increase the number of trees planted to ensure the canopy target of 21% by 2027/28 is met.</p>
CBR-259	The Prince Hotel	<p>Partnering with Renew to lead the revitalisation of Fitzroy Street was a powerful initiative that stemmed from Council's Place Making program. Council's contribution was subject to an equal contribution from the Victorian Government, which was not forthcoming. Fitzroy Street Business Association (FSBA) is now offering to match Council's contribution.</p> <p>Requests Council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative and take the opportunity to reinvigorate the Fitzroy Street retail area.</p>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-022

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CBR-260	Fitzroy St Traders Association	Partnering with Renew to lead the revitalisation of Fitzroy Street was a powerful initiative that stemmed from Council's Place Making program. Council's contribution was subject to an equal contribution from the Victorian Government, which was not forthcoming. Fitzroy Street Business Association (FSBA) is now offering to match Council's contribution. Requests Council reconsider its position to take advantage of this co-funded initiative and take the opportunity to reinvigorate the Fitzroy Street retail area.	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-022
CBR-261	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Get Out Of Town initiative).	Note request	Refer to CBR-101
CBR-262	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to Creative Writing and Communication skills initiative).	Note request	Council is pleased to continue to support this neighbourhood house program to deliver a range of services to residents in Port Melbourne and parts of South Melbourne, to a total of \$221,000 per annum plus access to Council facilities . We acknowledge that the initiatives led by the South Port Community Centre such as the Creative Writing and Communications initiative will be increasingly important for residents in these areas once we end community lockdowns and services begin to return to normal.
CBR-263	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the new Local Government Act 2020 progressively being implemented, CoPP must establish and comply with the new Community Engagement, Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Public Transparency, Service Performance principles and must comply with the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines.</li> <li>• The impact of the Corona virus has highlighted the need to do things differently. 2020-21 and probably 2021-22 are not going to be business as usual for CoPP nor the community and business in Port Phillip. Many in the community are ready for a “new and refreshed” approach by City Council staff and Councillors.</li> <li>• CoPP should not aim just to meet benchmark comparisons with other relevant Councils but should aim to be the Council that creates the new benchmark levels to which others aspire.</li> <li>• By effectively finding out about the needs of various people and the communities of Port Phillip, CoPP should gain up to date information and ideas, prioritising the ideas, make a decision, continually communicate and monitor the execution.</li> <li>• As part of the new “community engagement” requirement, CoPP should develop a relevant version of a “ Citizens’ Assembly” as one method of keeping CoPP informed of community needs and expectations, not just relying on councillors, CoPP staff and surveys that don’t ask useful and relevant questions.</li> </ul> <p>Improved communication of council policy decisions and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council needs to improve communication with the community on Council policy decisions, the services on offer and how the community communicates with council for assistance.</li> <li>• CoPP needs to move from a “you can’t do this” to “how can we help you get this done, within the law” attitude.</li> <li>• Many in the community have significant expertise and willingly volunteer their time to engage with CoPP.</li> <li>• Given the success of video meetings, post Covid 19, CoPP should expand the use of video conferencing for “town hall” feedback and information events.</li> <li>• Internal efficiencies, access to knowledge, service design and execution will be enhanced by the use of technology and trained staff.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>We are aware of the City of Port Phillip’s obligations to adopt a Community Engagement Policy by 31 March 2020 under the Local Government Act 2020 and have commenced preparations for this. We continue to consult with our community on a wide range of issues and have successfully adapted to virtual consultations necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Council is committed to continually improving its communications with the community and has made several advances in 19/20. Engagement with Council’s social media channels have grown exponentially, particularly during the COVID-19 period. A new corporate website will be launched on August 11 with the intend of making it far easier for the community to find what information they are seeking and also better prioritise the promotion of stories we need to be telling. A monthly online version of ‘Diversity’ will be launched later this year and will feature greater multimedia content and up-to-date information about programs and events. The success of our virtual consultations and information sessions will also be taken on board with further opportunities of this nature to be provided beyond the pandemic. A number of community reference groups are utilised by the Council and we greatly appreciate the insight and expertise that these provide.</p>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted support and services must be maintained to meet needs with an execution strategy that is effective, efficient, measurable, tracked, sustainable and reviewed.</li> <li>• CoPP can no longer continue to rely on rates and parking fines as the major sources of funding.</li> <li>• Funding sources must be diversified.</li> </ul> <p>Community support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests continuance of targeted, relevant services and the support for community groups. In particular, groups that support the vulnerable, those needing food, housing, child care, libraries, social services and support for those supporting the needs of older or younger people, arts, music, theatre, sport and the environment etc.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital works projects must be prioritised and carried out by applying a strict review process based on needs rather than wants.</li> <li>• Often both parties can become very comfortable and it is easy to just renew or give the contract to an existing supplier, same applies to leases relet without tender. How do new suppliers get a chance to tender?</li> <li>• Procurement policy needs to be based on many criteria which need to be reviewed to keep in line with changing community expectation and best practice.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>To Budget includes funding to continue to provide critical services and infrastructure. This was achieved by undertook an extensive review of all costs and careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio by strategically reprioritising expenditure based on the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reprioritisation must be effective in providing the intended relief and increasing community capacity to withstand and recover from the pandemic and other future shocks.</li> <li>• Reprioritisation should be targeted towards those that need it most and not duplicate support provided by others.</li> <li>• Council must ensure financial sustainability.</li> <li>• Reprioritisation of activities and services should be aligned to the Council Plan priorities, transparent, defensible, and distributed fairly based on the role of Council, support available from others, risk, and cost.</li> </ul> <p>Council's financial strategy provides clear direction on the allocation, management and use of financial resources. It aims to ensure that Council stays financially sustainable while maintaining assets and services, responding to growth, and delivering on our priorities.</p> <p>The financial strategy is embedded in our 10-year Financial Plan and sets the parameters within which Council agrees to operate to maintain acceptable financial outcomes over the short, medium and long term. This includes the use of four strategic levers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering efficiency and cost savings</li> <li>• Appropriate use of borrowings and reserves</li> <li>• Careful management and prioritisation of expenditure</li> <li>• Setting fair and appropriate user charges.</li> </ul> <p>Our financial strategy is consistency with the key financial management principles in the Local Government Act (prudently manage financial risks; ensure stability and predictability in the financial impact on our community). It is most likely that rates and parking income will continue to be one of the main sources of income to fund services to our community. Your submission will be considered in the development of the Revenue and Rating Plan to be endorsed by the new Council by June 2021.</p> <p>Council's procurement policy has been developed in accordance with Section 186A of the Local Government Act 1989. It encompasses the principles, processes and procedures applied to the purchases of goods, services and works. The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance to ensure consistency and control over all procurement activities. The Policy is a best practice model developed to address the principles of ethics, value for money, responsibilities and accountabilities. It can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/procurement-policy-tender.htm">http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/procurement-policy-tender.htm</a></p>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Rate relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request Council establishing a “targeted rate relief” fund and strategy to support businesses and staff on Job Keeper and those on Job Seeker, including paying rent or mortgages.</li> <li>Provides an example of Council that is doing this <a href="https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief">https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief</a></li> </ul> <p>Business support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommends Council establish a “vacancy levy” that will encourage landlords to meet the market with their rent expectations.</li> <li>Council needs to look beyond “place making” by establishing community based services and create safe, clean activated streets by renting the vacant shopfronts for services.</li> </ul>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>A number of inner-metro councils have used differential rating as a strategy to address shop vacancies by increasing their share of rates distribution. However, differential rating is not available for commercial properties under a Net Annual Value rating system which Port Phillip currently uses. It is also not a viable response, where it may be difficult to attract tenants, even at lower rents.</p> <p>The Budget for 2020/21 includes a \$150,000 initiative within the \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to develop and implement with businesses, a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months. Council would like to work with all business groups to develop initiatives to encourage intrastate and interstate tourism as well as promoting business activity in the city to ensure demand support for across municipality.</p> <p>Officers have put forward an option in the Council report for consideration to match funding by the Fitzroy Street Traders Association to reinstate the initiative to reactivate Fitzroy Street in the post-COVID-19 recovery (\$75,000). Officers to seek Victorian Government funding for the second year. Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p> <p>Other initiatives around reactivation of public space and co-operating with a broad range of businesses is considered more effective. There is also \$450,000 in the Economic and Social Recovery program to reactivate and use public space in new ways to encourage physical distancing and activation of retail areas. This replaces the 2020/21 Placemaking program.</p>
CBR-264	unChain	<p>Community support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asks, as a basic service, where the clean and safe public toilets in Port Phillip are.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council’s Public Toilet Plan 2013-2023 outlines our cleaning regime, which is carried out by Council’s contract cleaner. During the busy summer months (November to March), most public toilets are cleaned three times daily, while public toilets located along the foreshore are cleaned six times daily during this period. Between April to October, all toilets are cleaned twice daily due to their reduced use. While we continually aim to provide clean and hygienic public toilets, we unfortunately cannot control the behaviour of the visitors to these toilets. We are working hard to upgrade locations that are more prone to anti-social behaviour through different design principles to discourage this behaviour and help alleviate some of the common problems we experience with our public toilets.</p> <p>We encourage our community to lodge any concerns about specific facilities as a customer enquiry through our ASSIST service so they can be responded to.</p>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Environmental and sustainability issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Council's continued support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.</li> <li>• Suggests auditing and encouraging restaurants to have sustainable practices and outcomes. Example is found at <a href="https://www.dinegreen.com/">https://www.dinegreen.com/</a> .</li> <li>• Requests industry and companies in Fishermans Bend to be encouraged to reduce emissions, collaborate and share resources. . An example is at <a href="http://www.symbiosis.dk/en/">http://www.symbiosis.dk/en/</a></li> <li>• Suggests Council should continue to fund and change the thinking and narrative about creating sustainable climate issues and practices across all CoPP services, residents, industry and commercial businesses in Port Phillip and the neighbouring Cities.</li> <li>• Suggests Power Purchase agreements and local community power sharing systems be encouraged.</li> <li>• Supports the Port Philip Sustainable Business Network, the Council climate emergency policy and the engagement of PECAN and other environment groups so that a whole of council climate emergency plan is developed, funded and executed locally to mitigate and adapt to climate change across all of the CoPP, procurement practices included.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has committed \$2.75 million to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. Council has also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020/21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.</p> <p>All types of businesses across the municipality can continue to access sustainability support and advice through membership of the Sustainable Business Network. Businesses are provided with networking sessions, a regular newsletter and membership of a Facebook group.</p> <p>The Environmentally Sustainable Design requirements for developments in Fishermans Bend are among the strongest standards in the country. The Planning Scheme requires developments to meet minimum Green Star certification. There are also specific requirements for matters such as sustainable transport, energy efficiency, water sensitive urban design and waste minimization.</p> <p>Council provides a range of resources and support to the community as a whole through the Sustainable Port Phillip website and a range of sustainability programs delivered through the Sustainable City Community Action Plan. In addition to the Sustainable Business Network, there are programs specifically tailored to residents, apartment buildings and community services. Council has also committed to exploring power purchase agreements and community power sharing initiatives in 2020/21.</p> <p>Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency did not require the development of a new Climate Emergency Plan, rather it reinforced Council's commitment to the Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy, Move, Connect, Live and Don't Waste It Strategy. These strategies already includes a suite of actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change including embedding sustainability into procurement practices. These Strategies are funded through Direction 2 and Direction 3 of the Council Plan.</p>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along with seeking and obtaining more State and Federal Government funds, CoPP needs to apply for funding for services from philanthropic funds and business sponsorship and partnerships to fund projects and services.</li> </ul> <p>Audit Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role, access and knowledge of the outcomes of the Audit committee must be improved such that there is transparency.</li> <li>• It is very difficult to find out how to contact the Committee and its membership.</li> <li>• It is not good practice to contact an audit committee through a staff member of the CEOs office.</li> <li>• The audit committee should ensure that CoPP complies with all laws, in particular the new Local Government Act.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CoPP Audit committee needs to continually review its contract and procurement strategy and procedures every 2 years as a minimum.</li> <li>• If Council does not have the capabilities nor the finances for major projects, council should request that the State Government take over and fund a project, like The Triangle and The St Kilda Marina.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has developed an advocacy strategy that aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast-track existing government election funding commitments and projects,</li> <li>• Advocate for new projects across the municipality, and</li> <li>• Respond to the impacts of COVID-19, and plan for recovery from the pandemic.</li> </ul> <p>Current advocacy efforts focus working with stakeholders to identify, shape and advocate for projects that will help the City respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, Council is working with the Victorian and federal governments to improve outcomes for those who sleep rough, supporting local businesses and households, and improving local transport networks. For example, the Minister for Housing Richard Wynne recently announced that the Victorian Government, in partnership with HousingFirst and City of Port Phillip Council, will build 46 affordable housing apartments in Balaclava, with a public carpark underneath. Council also received \$287,000 of Commonwealth Government Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program funding to be used on local infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Committee performs its role by providing independent oversight to the Council and its Executive, in overseeing internal and external audit functions. There is a Charter for the Audit and Risk Committee, which is reviewed and presented to Council for endorsement on an annual basis. The Committee's objective is to provide appropriate independent advice and recommendations to Council on matters relevant to the Committee's Charter to facilitate decision-making by Council in relation to the discharge of Council's accountability requirements. In accordance with the Local Government Act, the Committee must provide a copy of the biannual audit and risk report to the Chief Executive Officer for tabling at the next Council meeting. The Committee may report to Council on any matters of significance as determined by the Committee (which may include compliance with all laws including the new Local Government Act). It must however, review the organisation's annual financial reports, and consider whether they are complete, consistent with information known to Committee members, reflects appropriate accounting principles and recommend their signing by Council. A report summarising what was discussed following each Audit and Risk Committee meeting is presented to Council for noting. Our Annual Report also includes a summary of what the Audit and Risk Committee considered during the financial year. The Annual Report details the external membership of the Committee.</p>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Budget: Strategy, outcomes and performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Phillip needs to have some staff that have real life commercial experience gained from outside the public sector so that projects and services are effectively and efficiently managed and the funds gained can be put to use in providing services and amenities for residents and tourist from State, Federal and Commercial funding as well as other income.</li> </ul> <p>Staffing levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff should be capable and encouraged to act as internal consultants which would reduce the excessive cost and reliance on external consultants.</li> <li>The CEO's review of the staff structure and requirements is long overdue, in particular a review of the "middle waist line" staffing levels is required. Reducing the 5 divisions to 4 is a good step in the right direction.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The organisation goes through a competitive process to attract people with the skill sets it requires to undertake the required tasks. Each department also has a Workforce Plan which includes any areas where there may be a capacity or capability gap. These are used as an input into the budget process.</p> <p>The CEO's operating review was undertaken for multiple reasons. It has been designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>respond to the significant change to each of the key challenges that are described in our Council plan and these have resulted in a number of negative impacts on our community.</li> <li>to maximise the benefits for our customers and the organisation from change that was already planned from our investment in the Customer Experience program.</li> <li>to find both temporary savings to reallocate funds to new priorities and also find permanent savings to address the growing rates cap challenge.</li> <li>to continue to find efficiency savings beyond incremental change, by holistically reducing duplication and fill gaps in capability &amp; capacity.</li> <li>enable the organisation to respond to the new Council and the directions that they wish to take in their new Council Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The outcome of the CEO's operating review is a reduction in management overheads where possible and reducing or seeking greater efficiency in the provision of corporate functions. A pay freeze in 2020/21 also applies to all senior officers. The combined impact of all changes in the Budget is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21.</p>
CBR-264	unChain	<p>Staffing levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Phillip needs to continually review the systems capabilities, the size, shape and capabilities of the staff required to plan and execute the services determined by the Act and Council policy on local issues.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The Customer Experience Program will deliver improved organisational and staff capability and culture that enables a genuine, responsive, easy and accessible experience for customers. In addition to generating savings up to \$40 million over a 10-years, the program will improve services for the community by directly addressing known customer pain points, it will also deliver broader social and economic outcomes with improvements in open data, data quality, better fact-based decision making, and improved value delivery.</p> <p>In short the Program will deliver the following outcomes for the community and customers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easier ways to get what you need from the council</li> <li>Council staff will be able to work together better to deliver services to you</li> <li>Improved communication and follow up, that is clear and easy to understand</li> <li>Improved ability to resolve problems at first contact or be quickly responded to by the right person</li> <li>Increased choice in accessing service needs – phone, counter and self-service</li> <li>Greater access to self-service through an easy to use website (our new and improved Internet went live in August)</li> <li>Better security and privacy protection.</li> </ul>

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CBR-264	unChain	<p>Leases and licences compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States that Council leases or licences must comply with the financial and non-financial aspects of their agreement. Refers to example of the non-upgrade of the Vineyard as per the lease, the free access to public toilets and the community room at the West Beach Pavilion, and extending the current Marina lease, Council missed out on gaining a realistic lease income for a number of years.</li> </ul> <p>Procurement and lifecycle management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some projects have not been built for a long lifecycle. Provides example of Middle Park sea front toilets, which received a sustainability award in 2012, but now requires \$40,000 renovations.</li> <li>The South Melbourne Town Hall should not have been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair such that it has to be evacuated and closed.</li> <li>Assumes that all Council assets are inspected on a routine basis for compliance, hazardous materials, maintenance and safety.</li> <li>Asks whether some streets get resurfaced just because it is programmed to be undertaken rather than resurfaced based on need.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has an extensive and varied property portfolio, consisting of Council owned and managed land worth over \$2.1 billion. Our Property Policy provides a sustainable framework for the management of our property portfolio into the future. We are committed to ensuring that the use and occupancy of its property provides the optimal use of Council resources, taking into account the guiding principles set out in this policy.</p> <p>We have a 10-year asset management plan for all of our asset classes, which is reviewed annually to enable us to plan for the required renewal works each year. The assets are subject to condition inspections, which are scheduled according to the plan and Council sets an intervention or service level for each asset class. All Council buildings are also subject to hazardous substances (asbestos) audits, which are completed every five years as per the AU standard. Essential safety measures are also audited on a quarterly basis by a certified consultant who provide us with annual certification.</p> <p>Roads are resurfaced based on their condition rating. This scheduled renewal of wearing surface is to protect the Macadam road pavement below. This program also considers utility works from gas, water, sewer and electricity suppliers.</p> <p>Maintenance on the historic South Melbourne Town Hall building has been considerable over the past 40 years. It is at the age where it now needs major renewal. Due to design of the roof, the likely failure point was hidden, and therefore could not be inspected.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the weather elements that the facility at seafront faces, maintenance is now required on the Middle Park Sea Front Toilets. The \$40,000 of works in 2020/21 will remove rust on the structural steel frame and apply a marine grade protective coating to prevent further corrosion. This coating should provide lasting results for a minimum of five years.</p>

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CBR-265	Individual	<p>Targeted rate relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asks whether Council will support ratepayers, businesses and community groups who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic by giving rate waivers, rate relief or deferrals? Business and landlord rate relief should be extended to tenants, who do not directly pay rates, with the agreement of their landlord that any deferral or rebate will be directly passed on to the tenant.</li> </ul> <p>It is suggested that, to be eligible, ratepayers (direct or indirect, such as tenants) must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial and Community group ratepayers who have been required to close due to COVID-19 and are eligible for the 'Job Keeper' payment</li> <li>Residential ratepayers should be eligible for the 'Job Seeker' or 'Job Keeper' payment</li> <li>Any other ratepayer experiencing financial hardship due to income dropping by 15 per cent or more.</li> </ul> <p>Its easy for Council to implement, by using existing documentation which has already been verified by the ATO. provides an example of this rate support can be found at the City of Mitcham in Adelaide which have adopted such support for residents and businesses. See <a href="https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief">https://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/council/financial/rates-relief</a></p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>We acknowledge businesses are doing it tough and the future presents significant challenges. The package of measures in the budget have been designed to be consistent, fair and targeted to parts of community most in need across business, community organisations and residential ratepayers.</p> <p>We have extended our rate deferral scheme to commercial ratepayers and their tenants, which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments. Operators, which are tenants in Council properties have been offered rent relief in excess of the government's national tenancy code of conduct. Council will monitor until end of September when the code is scheduled to come to an end and assess whether further relief is required.</p>
CBR-266	SKWAT	<p>Proposes The Catani Gardens Storm Water Harvesting Project as part of Port Phillip's wider "Water Sensitive Urban Design Programme." The project would involve collecting water from the drains underneath the Catani Gardens, and harvesting the storm water – instead of letting it flow out into the bay. The water would then be used to irrigate the gardens. Importantly, there is a large potential yield of water from St Kilda Hill that can be harvested. The project would be similar to the Alma Park and Albert Park plans. This small proposal would be part of a larger Port Phillip wide integrated water management system. Lastly, it must be noted the importance of the Catani Gardens for nature, sport, recreation, the heritage layout, and location next to Victoria's foremost foreshore.</p> <p>Seek's council's agreement to undertake a serious assessment of a recycled water project for Catani Gardens in the 2020/2021 budget at an estimated cost of \$25,000.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council is considering stormwater harvesting opportunities across the City, including in Catani Gardens. An initial assessment of potential schemes has been completed and further work is required to determine whether these schemes are feasible. Council will also continue to explore the potential for stormwater harvesting from Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve in partnership with Bayside City Council.</p> <p>Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the budget for stormwater harvesting planning has been deferred to the 2021/22 financial year.</p>
CBR-267	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of the South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise classes and use of Zoom).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122

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CBR-268	Humiform	Requesting Council to provide a location, for 5-8 hours a week, to trial their after school and holiday programs. HUMIFORM would also like to work closely with the council to promote the programs and connect with local change makers interested in engaging with young people.	Note request	As you will be aware, community facilities have been closed in line with Victorian Government requirements. When it is safe to do, our officers will contact you about options for using one of our facilities. Under our current policy for use of community facilities, a sole trader would be required to pay a casual rate of \$63.50 per hour. However, your program appears to be a good fit for our Youth Access grants program which will come online in September. The contact manager in this case is Pam Newton on 9209 6777.
CBR-269	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to ARCS - Applied Reception/Customer Service Training program initiative) and requests that this support be continued into the future.	Note request	Refer to CBR-080
CBR-270	1st Elwood Scout Group	<p>Has grave concerns over the draft budget. It is vitally important to many in the Bendigo Avenue and Tiuna Grove areas of Elwood that these items are clarified - particularly if the lack of specificity over concerns first raised at meetings with officers in February 2019 and several Council meetings since then have not been remedied. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 32 "It is a city of neighbourhoods, each with its own character, defined by heritage buildings, strip shopping precincts and tree-lined streets." Not realistically a valid statement when heritage reviews are underfunded and Council's error in measuring building heights has allowed higher buildings in some streets - which has attracted developers to knock down existing housing stock in streets where this should not occur.</li> <li>• Page 90 "Review the Housing Strategy in the next Council Plan to ensure new residential development is well located and respects the character and heritage of established neighbourhoods." and " review of Heritage Overlay 6 (East St Kilda)"</li> </ul> <p>These priorities ignore the promise at Council meetings (including July 1, 2020) that HO8 review was imminent - there is no mention of this review at all! Cr. Bond raised the height measurement error which led Council to set NRZ5 streets as NRZ6 - and was told that the Housing Strategy would address this in a timely manner - NOT told 4 years. The \$200k expenditure (line 2, page 196 apparently does not extend to Elwood's review and accelerated implementation??</p> <p>Also asks why the Scout Water Activity Centre is not mentioned as an amenity in the Elwood-Ripponlea neighbourhood section of the Council Plan.</p>	Note request	<p>Council works continuously to review elements of its Planning Scheme to keep it to date and correct errors. Despite this ongoing program, some areas take longer to review or are subject to more developer interest than anticipated, which can result in the loss of character buildings. Council, during this term, has tried to address this through the four year Heritage Program. For this final year of the program, the budget has proposed allocating funds to review Heritage precincts including HO5 (St Kilda Hill), HO7 (Elwood, St Kilda, Balaclava, Ripponlea), and HO8 (Elwood, Glen Huntly and Ormond Rds).</p> <p>Tiuna Grove and Bendigo Avenue which are the subject of the residents' concerns, are in HO8. They are also within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone - Schedule 6 which allows development up to a mandatory height limited of 10m (3 storeys). The residents have provided data to officers on the heights of existing buildings within these streets and have suggested that the current building height of the zone has been applied incorrectly to the new residential zones in the municipality in 2013/14 (Amendment C123).</p> <p>This building height issue in Elwood will be looked at as a part of a review of the housing growth strategy and the residential zones. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is proposed to commence work on the housing growth strategy this year, initially focusing on the St Kilda and South Melbourne structure plan areas, as a part of the original St Kilda Precinct Plan project. This is a multi-year project, and Council has set aside funds in the 2020/21 draft endorsed budget to commence this work. The housing strategy and any subsequent planning scheme amendment to implement the required changes to the planning scheme, will include extensive community consultation.</p> <p>With regard to why we have not included the Scout Water Activity Centre in the neighbourhood description for Elwood-Ripponlea, the focus of the information in the document is around Council owned or managed assets. However, we do include assets that are owned nor managed by Council, such as Luna Park. I have asked officers to include the Scout Water Activity Centre as an amenity for Elwood-Ripponlea.</p>

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CBR-271	Gasworks Arts Inc	Gasworks welcomes this opportunity to comment on the updated Council Plan and draft Budget. We appreciate the significant challenges facing the CoPP and we support the Council in its prioritisation of activities that "are essential to helping the community move from response to recovery as quickly as possible". (p.13) We are grateful for our partnership with the Council in making the Arts an aspect of this recovery, helping to bring the community together in creative and safe ways. As a significant and important critical mass of arts activities at the western end of the City, Gasworks is committed to helping artists and Council to navigate this difficult period. This submission outlines some of the ways that we can do this.	Note request	We appreciate the support of Gasworks Arts Park and look forward to further collaborating in producing excellent creative outcomes for our entire community.
CBR-272	Individual	States that the Council Plan is too complex. The detailed strategies that have evolved from the 5 broad 'strategic direction' statements have created too many projects on an annual basis, resulting in complexity in terms of delivery, increased annual cost and in turn an unnecessary financial burden on the community. Council has tried to do too much too quickly. Council should be providing direction to officers to reduce the number of detailed strategies and hence projects in the Council Plan to a more manageable level. This would also enable a recalibration of the Financial Plan.	Note request	<p>We have at least 290 known strategies, policies, plans, guidelines, etc. (policy documents), of varying standard in quality and readability, either adopted by Council or by officers. There is no clear framework that clearly articulates when a strategy is required, what it should look like or the governance surrounding the development and approvals of these documents. That is about to change, with officers to present a framework to the newly elected Council to agree to a program of review, with the aim of removing redundant or superseded policy document and also to use the Council Plan 2021-31 as the main strategic document source for articulating Council priorities over the next four to 10 years.</p> <p>This Council Plan has set an ambitious program to deliver on a number of priorities over a four year period so that Port Phillip remains the bold, liveable, caring and beautiful place residents and visitors know and love. However, the program of works have been funded with a rate increase within the rates cap. The Council Plan includes a financial strategy that ensures we remain financially sustainable while maintaining assets and services, responding to growth, and delivering on our priorities. We have kept rate increases to within the rates cap set by the Victorian Government, there have been no increases to our already low level of borrowings. And we have also delivered significant efficiency savings - \$5.6 million in this budget, in addition to the \$6 million of savings from the previous three budgets within this Council Plan. And we have delivered on most of the priorities in the Council Plan.</p>

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CBR-272	Individual	Notes that the changes made to the 2020/21 budget and following years of the Financial Plan essentially involve deferments of projects and the related expenditure. No real attempt has been made to reduce expenditure, presumably because all areas of council regard their strategies as essential. Reducing complexity peels back costs both operational and capital.	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – draft budget includes over \$5.6 million more in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – the budget for 2020/21 includes \$1.2 million ongoing service level reductions</li> <li>• the budget includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</li> </ul> <p>Where services cannot be provided by Council, all discretionary expenditure will minimise as much as possible, redeployment of staff to other areas and freeze recruitment.</p>
CBR-272	Individual	In the current environment, rates should not be increasing in 2020/21. Council should be identifying areas in which to cut operating expenditure to fund initiatives for those who need it most.	Note request	<p>Council does not propose a rates freeze due to its compounding impact, which is estimated to be \$30 million over 10 years. A rates freeze is equivalent to a \$35 discount for an average ratepayer and \$32 for an average residential ratepayer which is about 67 cents a week and 62 cents a week respectively.</p> <p>Our \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
CBR-272	Individual	It is noted in the Plan that 'a significant portion of our costs remain fixed, with staff salaries'....Staff are not a fixed cost and with turnover expected at 10% per annum, reductions can be effected very quickly, whilst acknowledging that essential staff would need to be replaced. Proposed staff wage increases should be deferred and a review/replacement of the existing superannuation system undertaken – defined benefit schemes have proven to be very costly.	Note request	<p>A pay freeze has been applied to all senior officers for 2020/21. For other staff, the Enterprise Agreement increase of 2% was negotiated pre COVID-19 and benchmarks well against other similar agreements. With our focus on efficiency and cost savings (\$5.6 million in the budget), the budget to fund staffing costs in 2020/21 is forecast to reduce by about \$5 million compared to 2019/20 – after taking into consideration legally binding wage indexation costs of around \$1.6 million.</p> <p>The Local Government Defined Benefits Superannuation Scheme stopped accepting members since 1993. Council has an obligation provide staff their rightful entitlements within the terms of the scheme</p>
CBR-272	Individual	Pages 22-26 of the Plan identify 'major changes to existing projects and programs'. Whilst difficult to calculate in total, deferment of costs approximates \$24m, land acquisition for the Sustainability Hub (\$17.5m) has been removed and the Kerferd Rd safety improvement project (\$2m) has been deleted as replaced by the State Government Shrine to Sea initiative.	Note request	<p>Last year's Council Plan projected a portfolio spend in 2020/21 of \$61 million (excluding the \$17.5 million land acquisition for the Sustainability Hub). In preparing the budget for 2020/21, we reduced the total portfolio spend to \$47 million. The next difference is approximately \$14 million.</p>

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CBR-272	Individual	Projects not previously identified in the Council Plan for which funding is required total \$2.219m of which \$0.975m relates to the Council election. How was the latter expense missed in the previous plan and are the projects that make up the \$2.219m all essential?	Note request	Costs for the Council elections have previously held within our operating budgets. For the 2020 Council election, it was decided to move the costs into the project portfolio. So while there is an increase in the portfolio of \$0.975 million, there has also been a corresponding decrease in the operating budget.
CBR-272	Individual	Does not support the Park St Bike Link. Not only will it make the eastern end of Park St unworkable and the section west of Kings Way unsafe, there is a far better solution for a dedicated east – west crossing of Kings Way and a connection to Moray St and beyond to the Bay. Utilise part of the very wide southern footpath where Kings Way joins St Kilda Rd. Then across the Queens Rd/ Kings Way intersection at the existing traffic lights, continue behind Mac Robertson Girls High and join the Albert Rd existing bike paths.	Note request	The focus of work in 2020/21 is to update the concept design in response to community concerns relating to the impacts on pedestrians, traffic and parking in the area, including Wells St signalisation and the super Tram Stop. An updated concept design is being prepared and from December 2020, the community will be further engaged on that design. Council will receive an update in March 2021 on the results of the community engagement.
CBR-272	Individual	The 10 year Plan appears over ambitious with respect to cash flow from the second highest revenue stream - parking. Given the determination expressed in the strategies to stop people using cars, it is difficult to understand how parking revenue (including fines) will increase by 60% to \$45m between 2021 and 2030. Particularly so, given the reduction in street parking spaces	Note request	The 10-year Plan factors in inflation and municipal population growth and increased usage of paid parking at Fishermans Bend.
CBR-272	Individual	A suggestion regarding the possibility of increased revenue to use for the benefit of the local community, whether increased green space, wider footpaths or laneways, community services: The revised planning scheme for the St Kilda Rd North area – C107, gifted property owners in Sub-Precinct 2 the prospect of an additional 7 floors in a developed building. This represents a windfall gain in excess of 50% in the value of the site. It would not be unreasonable or unrealistic to implement a Development levy of between \$1 and \$3/sqm, based on the area of each site as a contribution to the local community.	Note request	Council endorsed the Domain Precinct Masterplan to improve the public realm in that area in September 2019. Sub-precinct 2 includes a new pocket park – Kings Park Plaza that received co-funding from the Victorian Government in May 2020, and further improvements are planned for Park Street as a with Rail Projects Victoria funded project. A levy was considered for St Kilda Road North. However, expected revenue would not recoup the infrastructure costs and Council has maintained the position that a levy in this location is not preferred given the enormous capital expenditure and disruption of Metro.

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CBR-272	Individual	<p>The Integrated Transport Strategy is unbalanced as it is based on no growth in car usage and major expenditure on bike infrastructure. A large part of the population growth will result from new apartment developments. Many of these will attract older residents moving closer to the city but with family, business or leisure activities that require car use. In addition, weekly shopping cannot be completed at the local IGA and medical services are not necessarily within walking distance or indeed practical by tram.</p> <p>The car use assumption also ignores the number of service personnel that are required to attend each multi storey tower, including those required by residents. Bike riding is not a solution for a large part of our population and discriminates against older as well as less mobile people.</p>	Note request	<p>Council is committed to supporting a well-connected transportation future for our City, to make it easy for people to move around and connect with places in a way that suits them as our City grows. This Move, Connect, Live strategy will deliver on this commitment over the next 10 years, including key priorities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a transport network, streets and places that cater for our growing community</li> <li>• safe, connected and convenient active transport choices</li> <li>• public transport choices that make it easy to move and connect</li> <li>• community understanding that parking is a limited and shared resource, and opportunities to work with Council to ensure fairest access</li> <li>• new transport options and technology to move around.</li> </ul> <p>This Strategy is a long-term plan to ensuring that as a community we can adapt to the increasing number of trips and the challenges associated with increased congestion, while creating travel choices, prioritising effective and equitable access to transport options, and ensuring the liveability and safety of our streets.</p> <p>All members of our community need to move around using our transport network and we have a collective role to play in improving transport accessibility.</p> <p>That is why we are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• creating 10-minute walkable neighbourhoods</li> <li>• prioritising safety and access</li> <li>• providing spaces for walking, socialising and play</li> <li>• boosting bike riding</li> <li>• partnering to deliver reliable, accessible and more frequent public transport</li> <li>• improving parking management, and</li> <li>• harnessing rapid advancements in new technology</li> </ul>

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CBR-272	Individual	<p>Council should eliminate a number of projects. There are a number of significant projects in the 10 year Plan the timing of which could be questioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasworks Arts Park Reinstatement</li> <li>• Kings Place Pocket Park</li> <li>• Lagoon Reserve Pavilion Replacement</li> <li>• St Kilda Library Redevelopment</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio and has reduced the projected spend in 2020/21 from \$61 million (excluding land purchases) as reported in last year's Council Plan to \$47 million, consisting of a mix of reduced scopes in programs and project deferrals with increased investments in the following years to ensure our asset base and responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasworks Arts Park Reinstatement - Contamination management is required to ensure that Gasworks Arts Park can continue as a public park into the future. We are working with the Victorian Government to progress a Contamination Management Action Plan (CMAP) and subsequently a park plan to renew and upgrade the assets at the park. Funding for this project was allocated by previous councils and has been held in a reserve specified for use at this site. Construction is expected to commence in 2021/22.</li> <li>• Kings Place Pocket Park - The Victorian Government election commitments for the Local Parks program included a \$35 million targeted investment for the creation of new pocket parks across Metropolitan Melbourne. We have been successful in \$2.6 million state government funding for two pocket parks (\$1.3 million each). This site was identified in the St Kilda Road North Precinct Plan, with the concept plan for endorsed by Council in 2019, as part of the Domain Precinct Public Realm masterplan.</li> <li>• Lagoon Reserve Pavilion Replacement - Due to the unsatisfactory building conditions and non-compliance with relevant sports codes and the Building Code of Australia, the Lagoon Reserve Pavilion requires replacement to ensure the building is compliant and fit for purpose. The renewal and upgrade of the pavilion will provide a suitably designed facility that will provide for existing club growth and attract other clubs to utilise Lagoon Reserve, taking pressure off the nearby sports facilities, particularly during peak periods and construction works at other reserves.</li> <li>• St Kilda Library Redevelopment - The St Kilda library was built almost 50 years ago and since then the building has aged considerably. The local population has grown and changed and so too has the nature of services provided by libraries. At this stage, the timing and cost estimates in the 10 year plan are only projections and will require a strategic business case (through the Library Action Plan) before an investment decision is made by Council.</li> </ul>
CBR-273	South Pacific Community Centre	<p>Thanks Council for its continued support for 12 of the South Port Community Centre programs.</p> <p>Looks forward, particularly in light of the impact of COVID-19, to continuing this great work in support of our local community, made possible by our support.</p>	Note request	Refer to CBR-238
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Applauds Council's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion in the updated Council Plan. Is pleased that Council's Strategic Direction 1: "We embrace difference, and people belong", remains in place. PPCG has a longstanding commitment to social inclusion and diversity and this sentence speaks volumes about Council's commitment to a society that values and promotes opportunities for all its citizens to fully participate in community life.</p>	Note request	Noted

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CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Draft Budget 2020/21</p> <p>PPCG acknowledges that the overall impact of COVID-19 on Council finances estimated at \$32 million is devastating - with \$12.7 million felt in the previous FY 2019/20, and a further \$19.3 million in this FY 2020/2021.</p> <p>We fully support the ~\$4+ million devoted to COVID-19 social and economic recovery measures as we know that it is all of the community – businesses, agencies, artists, creative and recreational industries, community, housing, health; and families and individuals that will all need to be supported now and into the future. We would therefore like to see this amount continually reviewed to ensure that the creativity and compassion that Port Phillip is renowned for and now so evident during the pandemic, continues with as much financial and other supports as possible to inspire a renewed sense of place, locality and creativity.</p> <p>Supports in principle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• welcomes initiative that allows Council staff to volunteer for up to 2 hours per annum and 1/2 hr per facilitation</li> </ul>	Note request	Officers will present Council on a quarterly basis with an overview of the financial results, which will include an update on the implementation of the Economic and Social Recovery program.
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Proposed Funding to PPCG</p> <p>Is extremely extremely grateful that Council has proposed in its draft budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$45k for PPCG for Share The Food July to September 2020 (p. 17 – 19); and</li> <li>2. \$588k Service Deed funding for PPCG for FY 2020/2021 (p.71).</li> </ol> <p>Support these funds wholeheartedly. In summary Council provides PPCG with \$588,000 and they leverage off this grant to deliver close to \$1 million worth of direct value against Council's investment. In addition they generate \$350,000 of income to provide other key programs in education and financial counselling which also directly benefit CoPP residents.</p> <p>PPCG has since 2010 been in a continuing state of uncertainty re Service Deed funding from Council and in a cycle of short term (1 - 2 year extensions). Most importantly unlike state or government funding, Council does not pass on state CPI nor award increases. This has meant that during the past 10 years Council funds have remained fairly static whilst PPCG salaries and wages (under our Award - SCHCADS) have increased by up to 35%. In the midst of a pandemic and recession, is grateful for Council funding as it means that our staff can continue their work and contribute to ameliorating the challenging impacts of COVID-19; and re-engaging and re-building our community post COVID-19. This is a conversation to be had in the future.</p>	Note request	Refer to CBR-147

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CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Homelessness</p> <p>We applaud Council's commitment to proactively addressing homelessness and providing further social housing. We know that homelessness is complex involving mental and physical health issues, family breakdown, substance use and abuse, and domestic violence; and it is not simply about providing housing. We work with people who are homeless every day and in many different ways and settings, as not all homelessness is visible, and not all people who are homeless can 'be fixed' by moving them off the street, or out of sight / out of mind. This is an opportunity for Council to continue its ground-breaking work in this area and for a range of community, health and housing organisations to come together through Council leadership and facilitation. The solution is to provide safe and secure housing with professional and wrap around supports on site 24/7 to address the wider social and physical health issues behind both homelessness, and the housing crisis. PPCG has the experience and expertise to directly contribute to this.</p>	Note request	<p>Council recognises that a HousingFirst approach to addressing homelessness is most effective; involving access to secure, long-term social housing combined with wrap-around support services to meet an individual's specific needs. PPCG are a valued partner of the City of Port Phillip and play a significant role in the provision of such support services to the most vulnerable in our community.</p>
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Reduced Staffing and Smaller Local Government</p> <p>Understands the difficult decisions Council needs to make re the funding of programs and services versus internal funding cuts. To achieve the outcomes that everyone is wanting in the community – i.e. a return to as normal as possible, suggests to not cut too deep into Council staff and resources.</p> <p>States Council spends money on small initiatives that often do not deliver positive social impacts and uses example of continued funding for South Port Community Legal Service. Believes this is a missed opportunity to consolidate legal services across Port Phillip would benefit all residents of Port Phillip and should be allocated through an equitable and transparent process that ensures council funding for legal services delivers maximum value for the community as a whole and targets those with high legal need.</p>	Note request	<p>The exercise that the organisation went through regarding savings in salary budgets has been conducted carefully, reviewing the value to all vacant positions. Of the 55 full-time equivalent positions that have been reduced in 2020/21, we are expecting 21 of these positions will be required in 2021/22 as the capital program and service demand ramp up again following recovery from COVID-19.</p> <p>Since the release of the draft Budget, the CEO's recently conducted an operating review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to the significant change to each of the key challenges that are described in our Council plan and these have resulted in a number of negative impacts on our community.</li> <li>• to maximise the benefits for our customers and the organisation from change that was already planned from our investment in the Customer Experience program.</li> <li>• to find both temporary savings to reallocate funds to new priorities and also find permanent savings to address the growing rates cap challenge.</li> <li>• to continue to find efficiency savings beyond incremental change, by holistically reducing duplication and fill gaps in capability &amp; capacity.</li> <li>• enable the organisation to respond to the new Council and the directions that they wish to take in their new Council Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The outcome of the CEO's operating review is a reduction in management overheads where possible and reducing or seeking greater efficiency in the provision of corporate functions. A pay freeze in 2020/21 also applies to all senior officers. The combined impact of all changes in the Budget is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21.</p> <p>In terms of Council's decision not to discontinue funding for South Port Community Legal Services, nearly 350 people within a week polled suggested this was a highly valued service. Other concerns raised were that the St Kilda Legal Service catchment excludes Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Fishermans Bend, Middle Park and Albert Park, and Inner Melbourne Community Legal Service posted it would be unable to respond in a timely manner to increased referrals should this proposal go ahead.</p>

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CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>Supports fully:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinstating \$10k in 2020/21 in project funding for Friends of Suai/Covalima for the length of the current Friends of Suai/Covalima agreement as compassionate and kind;</li> <li>• Council's continued support for the Port Phillip EcoCentre Redevelopment in line with its positive work in environmental / climate change initiatives</li> <li>• Suspending the 'quick response' Neighbourhood Grants program for one-year, reinstating funding from 2021/22.</li> </ul>	Note request	Noted
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports reducing ASSIST Counter Service at Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Town Halls for one year with a complete review before 1 July 2021. As a key service deliverer and stakeholder with ASSIST at both Town Halls, expects to be involved in this review based on an open and transparent process.</li> </ul>	Note request	It is appropriate for Council officers to engage a stakeholder like Port Phillip Community Group, as we share the space in some cases and provide services to you.
CBR-274	Port Phillip Community Group	<p>A Re-imagined Community or Life after Coronavirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urges Council to be bold. This is an opportunity to build the social and economic infrastructure needed to support individuals, families and communities, sustain local businesses and prepare for ongoing challenges, including climate change.</li> <li>• Council continues to demonstrate leadership and commitment through a whole-of-Council approach and working collaboratively with its many partners and key stakeholders to reduce the current and emerging inequalities as a direct result of COVID-19. PPCG is willing and able to work closely with Council throughout this unprecedented time to hold and embed Council's vision for Port Phillip as a City that is inviting, liveable, caring and compassionate.</li> </ul>	Note request	Noted
CBR-275	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supports the majority of decisions of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP)</li> <li>• supports my rates increasing • supports fee increases</li> <li>• supports the Economic and Social Recovery program</li> <li>• supports Reinstating \$10,000 for Friends of Suai/Covalima</li> <li>• does not support additional cuts to services • loves living in St Kilda and is proud to be living in Port Phillip</li> <li>• commends the council on its response to the COVID-19 crisis.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has developed a balanced Budget for 2020/21 that addresses the rates capping challenge and responds to the significant financial impact and risks associated with COVID-19 and other risks such as the impact of the Recycling Victoria policy on waste services. To continue to provide critical services and infrastructure, officers undertook an extensive review of all costs and strategically reprioritising expenditure based on the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reprioritisation must be effective in providing the intended relief and increasing community capacity to withstand and recover from the pandemic and other future shocks.</li> <li>• Reprioritisation should be targeted towards those that need it most and not duplicate support provided by others.</li> <li>• Council must ensure financial sustainability.</li> <li>• Reprioritisation of activities and services should be aligned to the Council Plan priorities, transparent, defensible, and distributed fairly based on the role of Council, support available from others, risk, and cost.</li> </ul> <p>In response to the financial challenge, a small number of services have had had budgets reduced or ceased, some temporary, some permanent. An explanation of the reasons for these is on our Have Your Say website. Council has also applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio.</p>

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CBR-275	Individual	• does not support the \$430,000 reduction from the Bike Infrastructure Program	Note request	Refer to CBR-034
CBR-276	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Dig In Community Gardens initiative at Fishermans Bend Community Centre).		Refer to CBR-100
CBR-277	Individual	Is concerned that Council funding for the South Port Community Centre may be withdrawn. Writes to seek continued Council funding (refers to exercise classes).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-278	Individual	Is concerned that Council funding for the South Port Community Centre may be withdrawn. Writes to seek continued Council funding (refers to exercise classes for those over 50).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-279	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to Gentle exercise program).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-280	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise program).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-281	Individual	<p>Supports separated bicycle lanes and the elimination of automobile parking from certain streets, supported with increased movement and safer public space for pedestrians. States that bicycle use in our city will only advance if the streets are made safer for cyclists.</p> <p>Notes the following in Council's budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike Infrastructure program has been put on hold with a \$430,000 reduction and reduced to "design and consultation in 2020-21.</li> <li>• Deferral of projects such as the Garden City Bike Path</li> <li>• Nothing for bicycle education or training and young cyclists</li> <li>• Nothing for improved street signage.</li> <li>• No provision for urgent temporary initiatives for pedestrians or cyclists given the possibility of changes to public health regulations, such as introduction of State Four restrictions.</li> <li>• The City of Port Phillip does not record cyclists or bicycle ownership in the municipality in the General Statistics quoted in the Budget.</li> <li>• Lip service is given to the difficulties imposed by the extent of automobile use and the dumping of automobiles on our public thoroughfares under the guise of "parking". Nowhere is there a practical realization of the need to tackle this and associated problems head on with policies, initiatives and expenditure directly favoring a solution to these problems: increased bicycle use.</li> </ul>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council has committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28.</p> <p>Significant investment is proposed over the 10-year period on important initiatives to deliver on the Council Plan outcomes and vision. In response to Council's financial challenge, we have applied careful prioritisation of spend within capital and operating portfolio and reduced projected spend in 2020/21 with increased investments in the following years to ensure our responses to our strategies are maintained over the medium and long-term. There is an allocation of \$770,000 in the Budget 2020/21 to progress the initiatives such as the construction of the Garden City bike path. Funding is projected to increase to over \$1.2 million per annum for the next four years to progress other initiatives.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>

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CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	Requests the following actions from the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate relief equal to 25% of all annual rates payable by businesses for the winter quarter. Targeted at businesses that qualify for Job Keeper and similar tests</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	We have extended our rate deferral scheme to commercial ratepayers and their tenants, which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments.
CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	Requests the following actions from the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The continuation of the freeze on charges such as outside dining into next year. □</li> <li>• The heavy discounting or removal of parking fees for at least six months.</li> <li>• A thorough and reasonable consideration of a- "Hoyne-like" project which will complement the Renew project and build and expand upon the now almost defunct Placemaking exercise. Quotations are currently being sought for approval as per our requirement.</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Our \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020. At this stage, there are no plans to extend beyond this date.  Council is looking to provide targeted measures to support businesses in the current and future environment. Due to its proximity to the CBD, parking in Fitzroy Street is not only convenient for retail and visitation, but also as a place and ride for commuters to the CBD or St Kilda Road office precinct. There is no guarantee that by offering free parking, this will translate into greater patronage to businesses. However, officers will continue to monitor parking occupancy rates at Fitzroy Street to ensure that our fees are not driving unintended behaviours.  Rather than a "Hoyne-like" project, there is \$450,000 in the Economic and Social Recovery program to reactivate and use public space in new ways to encourage physical distancing and activation of retail areas. This replaces the 2020/21 Placemaking program.
CBR-282	Fitzroy St Business Association	Requests the following actions from the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upholding Council's commitment to fund half of the Renew project (\$75,000) now that the FSBA has decided to commit its own funds to meet the required other half.</li> </ul>	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-022
CBR-283	BEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledges full support of the submission made by PECAN.</li> <li>• Proposes that Council undertakes a coordinated and planned review of Balaclava area that takes in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing canopy cover. Council needs to set more ambitious targets</li> <li>• Public Spaces Strategy which should be directing Council expenditure to areas of highest need, including maximising our corridors of open space along roadways (Such as Bothwell Street) along our railway reserves and embasures and by making use of shared spaces such as at the St Kilda Primary School. Such opportunities for partnership maximises existing open space (i.e. St Kilda Primary School)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supports opportunities to use the water from the Town Hall Drain for stormwater flood reduction and watering open space in this area.</li> </ul>	Note request	The draft Public Space Strategy recognises the importance of greening our City, particularly in response to climate change and urban heat. It notes the deficiency in open space in Balaclava and East St Kilda and specifically recommends Council look for opportunities to purchase land or repurpose road space in coming years. Specific actions for greening streets in each of our neighbourhoods is provided in the draft Public Space Strategy Action Plan, which will be implemented over the next 11 years. In response to the significant financial gap due to COVID-19, there has been a reduced budget for the Greening Port Phillip program for 2020/21, which will reduce total number of trees planted. However, larger budgets are in the outer years to increase the number of trees planted to ensure the canopy target of 21% by 2027/28 is met. Council continues to work with schools and public agencies to improve access to their properties to increase the net proportion of open space accessible to our community.  Council is considering stormwater harvesting opportunities across the City, including in Catani Gardens. An initial assessment of potential schemes has been completed and further work is required to determine whether these schemes are feasible. Council will also continue to explore the potential for stormwater harvesting from Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve in partnership with Bayside City Council. Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the budget for stormwater harvesting planning has been deferred to the 2021/22 financial year.

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CBR-283	BEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overall review of traffic management should feed into such a local plan to address the impact of current and future approved activity in William St and Carlisle St. Including but not limited to traffic management in William St/Nightingale St/Gibbs St/Bothwell St and Woodstock St.</li> <li>• Balaclava Walk – needs to be actualized including a review of embankment to restore the greening of this area</li> <li>• Improvement of street crossings is needed especially at the pedestrian crossings at Nightingale St and Grosvenor St.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>William , Nightingale , Gibbs , Bothwell and Woodstock streets are local streets with low volume and speed of traffic. A 40 km/h speed limit applies and most of these streets have appropriate traffic management treatments in place to re-enforce this speed limit.</p> <p>We will continue to work with and advocate to MTM (Metro Trains) and VicTrack to improve the safety and appearance of Balaclava Walk, noting that contamination of the embankment makes access difficult.</p> <p>In respect to the installation of formal pedestrian crossings on Nightingale and Grosvenor streets, Council officers will begin investigative work in 2020/21 , gathering data to build the case for the installation of the crossings. These works will include pedestrian counts, traffic surveys and if warrants are met, a request to the Department of Transport (VicRoads) for consent. If consent is provided, the crossing proposals will then be assessed against other pedestrian safety improvements priorities across the municipality and scheduled for concept design in the following financial year. This will ensure we are well positioned to seek internal or external funding for the crossings' construction in the future.</p>
CBR-284	PECAN	<p>Requests that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to ongoing funding for the EcoCentre.</li> <li>2. ensures that all climate-related projects display educational information showing the benefits of the project.</li> <li>3. develops and implements an education strategy to inform residents of how the City is tackling the climate emergency.</li> <li>4. commits to achieving measurable targets to tackle the climate emergency, and uses place-based signage to inform residents of the City's progress toward these targets.</li> <li>5. strengthens its overall response to the climate emergency and works with its community using genuine citizen engagement processes in accordance with the requirements of the new Local Government Act 2020.</li> <li>6. engages with environment groups to jointly develop detailed reporting commencing with target setting with dates, responsibilities and budgets, and ongoing transparency with project implementation.</li> <li>7. facilitates a Power Purchase Agreement directed toward the commercial and industrial sectors.</li> <li>8. supports the development of Collective Power Purchasing Systems for Port Phillip residents, especially apartment dwellers.</li> <li>9. in conjunction with other councils, proposes that stimulus funds be provided in a retrofitting program directed towards low income/vulnerable households.</li> </ol>	Note request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refer to CBR-024.</li> <li>2 &amp; 3. Council provides information about the actions to tackle the Climate Emergency in sustainability specific communication channels such as the Sustainable Port Phillip website, newsletter and Facebook. Regular updates are also included in corporate communications online and in regular reporting. We will also investigate how we can improve project-specific information on-site.</li> <li>4. Council is on track to achieve its net zero emissions target for its own operations by 2020/21 . We have also set a net zero emissions goal by 2050 for the community and intends to set interim objectives that align with the Victorian Government's targets once released. The latest estimated community emissions profile is published on the Sustainable Port Phillip website and was shared widely through the Climate Emergency Community Forums.</li> <li>5. When Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019, the motion didn't include additional climate responses, rather it noted the existing strategies and significant projects that provide a comprehensive response to the Climate Emergency. At a Council meeting on 15 April 2020 a recommendation was adopted that PECAN's request for a community decision making forum should be submitted for consideration after the next Council Election. In the meantime Council will continue to engage with the community in line with the community engagement principles outlined in the Local Government Act.</li> <li>6 Council consulted widely in 2017 and 2018 when developing the current Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy which includes targets, responsibilities and budgets. Progress on project implementation is already reported formally to the community in the monthly CEO Report.</li> <li>7, 8 &amp; 9 - Council has allocated \$125,000 in 2020/21 for the delivery of the Sustainable City Community Action Plan which includes resources to work in partnership with the community to explore options for renewable energy power purchase agreements for residents and businesses. The Action Plan also includes a solar grant for low income earners.</li> </ol>

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CBR-284	PECAN	<p>10. develops a Green-Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, incorporating a review of Greening Port Phillip together with a catchment-based Integrated Water Management Plan.</p> <p>11. integrates ongoing work through Move Connect Live and related transport policies 2020-2028 with the proposed Green -Blue Infrastructure Action Plan, and in the short term gives priority to temporary bike lanes.</p> <p>12. through participation in CASBE, its Planning Scheme can be successfully updated to upgrade building performance standards with a target of 2023.</p> <p>13. reviews Sustainability staffing capability in the context of Project requirements in 2020/21.</p>	Note request	<p>10 &amp; 11 – The budget for 2020/21 does not include a Green-Blue Infrastructure Action Plan as these important topics are addressed in existing strategies. Council's Sustainable Environment Strategy details actions Council will take to improve sustainability outcomes, including a greener, cooler, more liveable City, a City that is adapting to climate change and a water sensitive City. This Strategy is complemented by other strategies including our Waste management and Integrated Transport strategies. Actions within these strategies are delivered in an integrated way . Examples of this include installing raingardens when we reconstruct a road or footpath or construct traffic treatments.</p> <p>12 - Council is working with the CASBE network to update the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy in the Planning Scheme and increase sustainability requirements for new developments. There is budget allocated under the Sustainable Environment Strategy Implementation program in 20/21 to progress this action.</p> <p>13. The exercise that the organisation went through regarding savings in salary budgets has been conducted carefully, reviewing the value to all vacant positions. After the release of the draft Budget, the CEO's conducted an operating review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to the significant change to each of the key challenges that are described in our Council plan and these have resulted in a number of negative impacts on our community.</li> <li>• to maximise the benefits for our customers and the organisation from change that was already planned from our investment in the Customer Experience program.</li> <li>• to find both temporary savings to reallocate funds to new priorities and also find permanent savings to address the growing rates cap challenge.</li> <li>• to continue to find efficiency savings beyond incremental change, by holistically reducing duplication and fill gaps in capability &amp; capacity.</li> <li>• enable the organisation to respond to the new Council and the directions that they wish to take in their new Council Plan.</li> </ul> <p>A pay freeze in 2020/21 also applies to all senior officers.</p> <p>The combined results is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21. We are expecting 25 of these positions will be required in 2021/22 as the capital program and service demand ramp up again following recovery from COVID-19.</p>
CBR-285	Individual	Thanks Council for continued support of South Port Community Centre (refers to exercise program).	Note request	Refer to CBR-122
CBR-286	Port Phillip EcoCentre	Requests continued Council support for the EcoCentre programs and redevelopment in this and future budgets.	Note request	Refer to CBR-024

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CBR-287	Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc	<p>Thanks Council for co-funding the EcoCentre and recommends that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continues the effective EcoCentre Funding Agreement so that along with other environmental, community and educational outcomes, we may continue our responsive, creative adaptations to a diverse portfolio of programming for environmental and community health that remain of critical importance during the coronavirus pandemic; and</li> <li>maintains its resource commitment to the development of a new fit-for-purpose environmental hub while continuing joint advocacy with the EcoCentre to secure matching funding</li> </ul>	Note request	Refer to CBR-024
CBR-288	CAPP	<p>Concerned by Council's 'austerity' response to the revenue hit it is suffering due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than defer major projects to subsequent years, suggests support expenditure on them in 2020/21. Approves of the proposal to conduct quarterly in-depth reviews of the Budget in this financial year to enable adjustments to be made in response to the ongoing crisis.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council re-visit the decision not to borrow in 2020/21 and develop a plan supported by prudent borrowings, to bring forward major projects currently proposed for deferral, including: Children's Centres Improvement Program (\$1.4 million) Water Sensitive Urban Design Program (\$550,000) Energy Efficiency and Solar Program (\$350,000) Greening Port Phillip Strategy Implementation (\$200,000) Building Renewal and Upgrade Program (\$655,000) Bike Infrastructure Program (\$430,000 proposed for deferral) Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve (\$930,000) St Kilda Library re-development (\$250,000) Designate the Fitzroy Street Public Toilet as a high priority site</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most.</p> <p>Our continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings have resulted in more than \$5.6 million of permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets. However due to rate capping and the waste and recycling crisis we project a rate cap challenge of \$40 million over the next 10-year period.</p> <p>Borrowing will only increase our rates cap challenge if we do not have an income to support it. Council needs to ensure we are financially sustainable.</p> <p>That said, we are managing our finances prudently and any improvements to our financial position will be re-directed to strategic projects.</p>
CBR-288	CAPP	<p>Concerned that the service level reduction focuses on youth, early education, kindergartens and pre-schoolers leaves our younger citizens vulnerable. Asks how Lead Family/Assertive Outreach resource to meet Council-endorsed Children's Services Policy commitments to support families experiencing vulnerability to access early years education services will relate to the existing Enhanced Maternal and Child Program which already focuses on identifying and supporting families from birth who are identified as vulnerable, or with additional needs.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the proposed service level reductions be rethought, in particular to ensure that younger citizens are not disadvantaged.</li> <li>That the new Family/Assertive Outreach position be clearly integrated with the EMCH Service.</li> </ul>	Note request	The Lead Family/Assertive Outreach resource will work closely with the Enhanced Maternal and Child Health program and the universal Maternal and Child Health team. It will also work with the community services who are supporting families our municipality to assist workers to successfully engage the young children with early years education and care.

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CBR-288	CAPP	<p>Welcomes the Economic and Social Recovery Program and supports the strategies to ameliorate the effects of the pandemic for local businesses, such as rent relief, rate deferrals, waiving footpath trading fees etc. Recommends the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council review its allocation of funds for emerging social issues at the first quarterly review scheduled for February 2021, with a view to expanding the allocation of funds.</li> <li>• That the Council is transparent on all the costs within the Economic and Social Recovery Program and provides guidance on how the Community can monitor the success or otherwise of these programs.</li> </ul> <p>Also recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council contribute to post pandemic economic recovery by investing in a 12-month job creation program (\$10 million for '100 Jobs Port Phillip') to employ local residents who have lost jobs/income due to the pandemic. The focus of this should be on employing those from sectors most affected, such as hospitality, the Arts and early childhood services and contribute to services that will enhance community recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The positions created would be short-term, up to 12 months in duration.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council will continue to monitor the social and economic impacts of the COVID pandemic. \$200,000 has been set aside for future allocation to enable an agile response as the nature of impacts becomes clearer (i.e. types of impact / groups disproportionately impacted).</p> <p>Officers will present Council on a quarterly basis with an overview of the financial results, which will include an update on the implementation of the Economic and Social Recovery program.</p> <p>Council is exploring opportunities for State Government funding to implement a range of local employment and economic stimulus measures, including; increased weeding and maintenance of Council's green spaces, additional support for community and children's services and community outreach for vulnerable and isolated citizens. Council is also considering opportunities to increase waste and recycling education. Any significant increase in services of this nature will require funding from the State Government before it can proceed.</p>
CBR-288	CAPP	<p>Recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council makes a decision to cancel the St Kilda Festival for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• That any savings from the creative industries budget, particularly from cancellation of the St Kilda Festival, be reallocated to arts activities in the City of Port Phillip involving local artists.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The annual St Kilda Festival engages a number of local acts and artists as well as supporting traders and providing opportunities for the community to come together. Council is currently considering a number of options in relation to the 2020 Festival and will continue to pursue a recovery plan to support local musicians, music venues and traders. A decision on this will be made at the appropriate time.</p>

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CBR-288	CAPP	<p>CAPP supports statement in Council Plan that it "Builds on the successful partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust and maintains our longstanding leadership in affordable housing. The 2020/21 Council Budget and projected budgets must reflect these commitments.</p> <p>CAPP supports initiatives focused on providing housing and welfare supports for people experiencing homelessness: A temporary common ground facility – to lease former backpacker (Habitat HQ) accommodation in St Kilda to keep rough sleepers in supported housing: \$250,000</p> <p>B. A permanent common ground facility in partnership with DHHS to deliver permanent supported housing for persons from Council's By-name list/ transitioning from the Habitat temporary accommodation to reduce rough sleeping: \$25,000 C. Port Phillip Zero project</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <p>a. The existing Social Housing Fund (SHF), currently standing at \$2.5 million, be increased to provide for the added initiatives aimed at homelessness. It is proposed that an additional amount of \$200,000 be added to the current annual allocation of \$500,000 council provides.</p> <p>b. Council honor its commitment to provide grants from the SHF to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip. Housing First's Marlborough St Project in St Kilda and South Port Community Housing Group (SPCHG) forthcoming project at Emerald St. South Melbourne are two such projects.</p> <p>c. Council, in conjunction with Housing First, allocate funds from the SHF to refurbish properties in the Port Phillip Housing Trust to improve standards in older properties and to expand, where possible, the number of units. A number of these properties are Rooming Houses which, if refurbished, would add to the number and quality of units aimed at addressing homelessness. State Government funds would also be sought.</p> <p>d. The current pandemic warrants an injection of additional funds by Council to meet the costs of the three homelessness projects identified in the budget totalling \$325,000.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>The social housing Reserve (with an allocation of \$500,000 per year over 10 years) was established to provide cash contributions to help facilitate the delivery of projects that would create additional social housing in the City. Allocations to housing projects which create accommodation targeted at reducing homelessness is aligned with this intent, rather than additional to it.</p> <p>Funding for other homelessness initiatives, such as Port Phillip Zero, is not drawn from the social housing Reserve.</p> <p>Council's resolution was to make available funds to any Registered Housing Agency applying in the first round of Victorian Government funding to build and operate social housing for delivery of projects within the municipality of Port Phillip. This funding (not exceeding \$15,000 per dwelling unit) was to 'help fund their application project' and was subject that 'the offer can be included in the assessment of the Registered Housing Agencies application'. The projects mentioned have been assessed (and successfully funded) without the inclusion of these funds during the application process.</p> <p>Council is still to determine the allocation of cash within the housing reserve. Achieving an increase in social housing through renewal of assets held in the Port Phillip Housing Trust is a key strategy of IOBY and such a project could be considered.</p>

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CBR-288	CAPP	<p>Sees addressing climate change as integral to ensuring an equitable, inclusive and sustainable city, and greater Government intervention. Notes several Council initiatives that have been deferred that will have damaging effects on the Sustainability area.</p> <p>Recommends:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate Power Purchase Agreements which involve the local commercial and industrial sectors and facilitate the linkage of apartments with houses;</li> <li>2. Review the Greening Port Phillip program to take account of canopy cover target and implement heat mapping;</li> <li>3. Complete the Integrated Water Management Plan;</li> <li>4. Continue involvement in the Elster Creek and Elsterwick Park Project;</li> <li>5. Create temporary bike lanes consistent with the state strategic routes; and</li> <li>6. Continue to support and advocate for the rebuilding of the Eco Centre.</li> </ol>	Note request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Included in the Budget is \$125,000 in the Sustainable City Community Action Plan, which includes an initiative to work with partners to explore power purchase agreements for the community.</li> <li>2. With over 353 hectares of public space, including 11km of foreshore, Council agrees that this is a valuable resource for the community. The City of Port Phillip has approximately 46,000 trees with approximately 25% of trees these trees located in parks. Our draft Public Space Strategy 2020 includes the vision and blueprint for the future of our public spaces in the City of Port Phillip. It will inform Council's ongoing planning and investment in public spaces. More specific actions for greening streets in each of our neighbourhoods is provided in the draft Public Space Strategy Action Plan, which will be implemented over the next 11 years. The Greening Port Phillip Strategy and Street Tree Planting Program provides details on the existing canopy cover of City of Port Phillip managed land of 19%. This was measured in 2017 with the aim to increase canopy cover to 21% by 2027/28, it notes priority streets with minimal canopy cover to be prioritised for future upgrades. Each year approximately 1050 trees are planted in streets and parks. Due to COVID-19 there has been a reduced budget for 2020/21 in response to the significant financial gap, which will reduce total number of trees planted. A larger budget has been listed in the outer years to increase the number of trees planted to ensure the canopy target is met.</li> </ol> <p>Council already takes heat mapping into account when planning and prioritizing areas for planting. Further heat mapping studies are underway that will be used to address urban heat in new structure plans.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. A Water Sensitive City Implementation Plan was completed in 2018/19. This is an operational document that supports delivery of the Act and Adapt Strategy. It has been shared with interested community members and Council officers will continue to engage with the community throughout its delivery.</li> <li>4. Council remains committed to the Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and has committed \$1.16m over the next four years to reduce flooding and improve environmental outcomes in the Catchment.</li> <li>5. Council is committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. We are currently exploring opportunities for enhancing protection for people travelling by bike as part of the COVID-19 transport response, focusing on key routes. This includes signposting local routes, public awareness campaign, working with adjoining councils to coordinate efforts and advocating to the Victorian Government to fund temporary protected bike lanes on regionally significant routes.</li> <li>6. Council's \$2.75 million commitment to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building is subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. The 2020/21 Council budget includes an allocation of \$926,000 to enable construction to commence if partnership funding is received from the Victorian Government or other sources.</li> </ol>

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CBR-288	CAPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the City of Port Phillip is already behind similar councils in its spending on new materials, having the lowest proportion of library resources less than five years old – 48.8% compared with 72.0% for similar councils. The reduction of purchases in a time when the community is in greater need of these resources is disappointing and CAPP recommends that this decrease not be implemented.</li> <li>• Notes that over 5,000 Inter library loans occurred in 2018/19, which was an increase from the previous year. The Budget proposes to increase the Inter Library Loan fee from \$2.10 to \$28.50. If the number of Inter Library loans remains the same (5,267) this increase in the fee provides revenue of \$150,190.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That Council does not decrease the library purchases by \$200,000 in 2020/21.</li> <li>b. That an explanation be provided on the large increase in the Inter Library Loan fee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Note request	This is an expensive service to offer and Council has heavily subsidised it by up to 87% in the past. The Australian Library & Information Association has increased this fee from \$16.50 to \$28.50 making continued subsidisation unfeasible. Council continues to be proud of its wide range of physical and e-resources and hopes that the need to access other services' collections is limited.
CBR-289	Individual	<p>I am the owner of a commercial property on Fitzroy St, St Kilda.</p> <p>Things that would help in this current climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- rates relief (I already have a very discounted lease and my tenant still cannot make the payments)</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Refer to CBR-021
CBR-289	Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greater amount of free parking</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Council is looking to provide targeted measures to support businesses in the current and future environment. Due to its proximity to the CBD, parking in Fitzroy Street is not only convenient for retail and visitation, but also as a place and ride for commuters to the CBD or St Kilda Road office precinct. There is no guarantee that by offering free parking, this will translate into greater patronage to businesses. However, officers will continue to monitor parking occupancy rates at Fitzroy Street to ensure that our fees are not driving unintended behaviours.

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CBR-290	South Port Community Housing Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We strongly support the Council's leadership role in advocating for increased social housing</li> <li>• We submit that Council should implement and fund the actions contained in Policy 1 of In Our Backyard.</li> <li>• We submit that Council honour its commitment to provide grants to any Registered Housing Agency applying to build and operate social housing in Port Philip (Council motion 6 March 2019).</li> <li>• We submit that Council should, in the spirit of Council's In Our Backyard, explore if local housing organisations may be more able and appropriate to manage this housing and provide these services</li> <li>• We submit that Council undertake consultation, including with local housing organisations and services, about the most appropriate response to homelessness in the municipality. This consultation must occur prior to any allocation of funds or decisions made by Council</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Policy 1 of the In Our Backyard strategy seeks to contribute land / air rights and cash to housing organisations to facilitate the delivery of new housing in Port Phillip over a 10 year period. Council has already provided land in Marlborough Street Balaclava (under a partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust), to deliver 46 units of community housing for very low and low income persons. This project has been successful in receiving State Government Funding. Council is continuing to investigate and assess opportunities for further contributions that would maximise the potential for new housing to be delivered by 2025, including opportunities now presented by new government funding announced in response to COVID-19.</p> <p>Council's March 2019 resolution was to make available funds to any Registered Housing Agency applying in the first round of Victorian Government funding to build and operate social housing for delivery of projects within the municipality of Port Phillip. This funding (not exceeding \$15,000 per dwelling unit) was to 'help fund their application project' and was subject that 'the offer can be included in the assessment of the Registered Housing Agencies application'. The projects mentioned have been assessed (and successfully funded) without the inclusion of these funds during the application process.</p> <p>AS indicated above, Council is in the process of assessing how it will allocate the cash contributions in the IOBY Reserve. Council has identified addressing the needs of persons who are experiencing homelessness and are sleeping rough as a priority housing need, which has been amplified during the COVID-19 outbreak. These people represent the most disadvantaged and marginalised persons in the community. Investigation is occurring into how it may support the provision of permanent, new supported social housing based on Housing First principles, such as the Common Ground model. This is a model that is most efficiently, viably and effectively delivered through housing support agencies in a multi-unit building with specific, on-site support facilities. This does not preclude the importance of the role of local community housing organisations in providing housing support services to individual households living in community housing, who are at risk of homelessness or otherwise needing housing support.</p> <p>Council undertook initial consultation with the In Our Backyard Action Plan Community Forum in October 2019 when it commenced consideration of how it may support housing that addresses the needs of persons who are sleeping rough, such as via the Common Ground housing model. Council will consult further with the Forum regarding specific proposals to support a Common Ground project in Port Phillip.</p>
CBR-291	Individual	Thanks Council for ongoing support for the Friends of Suai/Covalima and requests continued support.	Note request	Refer to CBR-162
CBR-292	Individual	Requests that rates be waived for businesses and small business grants are made available to small businesses that are struggling right now.	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>We acknowledge the foreshore businesses are doing it tough and the future presents significant challenges. The package of measures in the budget have been designed to be consistent, fair and targeted to parts of community most in need across business, community organisations and residential ratepayers.</p> <p>We have extended our rate deferral scheme to commercial ratepayers and their tenants, which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments.</p> <p>Our ability to apply rate relief is limited, as we are operating in rate capped environment, which restricts our ability in the future to raise revenue to meet any relief provided in the short and medium term.</p>

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CBR-295	Individual	<p>• Is shocked that the Council will be raising rates. This is a challenging time financially for many rate payers and to increase rates puts further pressure on already stretched household budgets. Council notes that on average this will equate to \$32 for average resident rate payers. I currently pay \$7280 for my rates and assuming valuations remain stable I will be paying \$7426, which is significantly more than a \$32 increase. Rates are already excessive and should not be increased.</p> <p>• When I compare the rates I pay with people in houses of similar value who reside in other council areas it always shows that I pay significantly higher rates. The increase will only make the gap bigger.</p> <p>• Council attempt to justify the increase by noting it will be used to assist those most impacted by the pandemic. A better outcome would be not to increase rates and allow people to decide whether they can afford to help others.</p> <p>• Is staggered to read that Council provides funds to East Timor (Suai/Covalima). International donations /support is not a local government responsibility and is an inappropriate use of rates.</p> <p>• There is many areas Council could reduce costs. As an example festival expenditure could be reduced. Asks what benefit the St Kilda festival brings to residential rate payers. If it is positive for businesses then they should pay for it via a levy.</p>	Note request	<p>The rates that Council collects from all property owners helps us manage our community assets and infrastructure and fund the many vital Council services (such as waste collection, clean streets, community care) that support the health and wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>Council is taking a prudent and balanced approach to addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the waste and recycling crisis while keeping rates and charges affordable, looking after our over \$3 billion worth of community assets and continuing to provide highly valued community services this includes providing support to those ratepayers, residents and businesses that need it the most. Our approach includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing commitment to efficiency and cost savings – the budget for 2020/21 includes over \$5.6 million in permanent ongoing savings, totalling \$12.6 million in savings by this Council over the last four budgets.</li> <li>• a reduction in project expenditure of \$16 million. While some of this is savings from reduced scope and prioritisation most of it is temporary savings with expenditure deferred and largely caught up over the next 3 or so years to ensure we continue to look after our over \$3.2 billion in community assets appropriately for future generations.</li> <li>• reviewing service levels and making temporary or permanent reductions to those of lower priority – draft budget 20/21 includes \$1.2 million in service level reductions.</li> </ul> <p>The budget also includes a reduction in staffing numbers from 883 to 825 and includes a pay freeze to all senior officers.</p> <p>Our council has one of the lowest average residential rates. For the 2018/19 financial year, our average residential rate per residential property assessment was \$1,544, which compares well with surrounding councils such as Bayside \$2,095, Stonnington \$1,667, Glen Eira \$1,596. The comparisons can be found on <a href="https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/compare-councils">https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/compare-councils</a>.</p> <p>It is Council's role to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for our community taking into consideration the economic, social and environmental sustainability factors. This is consistent with overarching governance principles as prescribed in the Local Government Act. Our \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program, which is greater than the rates cap increase of \$2.7 million, will be targeted to those parts of the community most impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>The culture and vibrancy of Port Phillip is highly regarded and considered part of what make our City unique. Events, festivals and attractions bring people to our City and benefits both businesses and residents.</p>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<p>This is not a time for smaller government or austerity. This is a time to invest in people, services and communities. This is a time to plan for and build the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council should proceed with all of its planned capital works program rather than deferring elements.</li> <li>• Council should reverse its proposed cuts to services, especially in libraries, Council assist services, health and early childhood services, streetscaping and tree planting. These services are needed now more than ever.</li> </ul> <p>Council must invest prudently and manage resources wisely as a steward for the community. To help respond to these challenges and to invest for the future we propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic borrowing and use of reserves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Council has a strong balance sheet that can enable it to grow inter-generational assets at a time when interest rates are at record lows</li> <li>o Council has built reserves over a number of years to be prudently deployed for the long-term benefit of the City and for use at times of crisis. These reserves have been replenished recently through asset sales. While it must and should retain very significant firepower as the pandemic unfolds, Council should also consider a modest allocation from reserves to help ameliorate the crisis that communities in Port Phillip are facing right now</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Council must invest prudently and manage resources wisely as a steward for the community. To help respond to these challenges and to invest for the future we propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Advocacy to the State Government for a new local government loan pipeline through Treasury Corporation of Victoria, especially given State Government encouragement to meet obligations in this way during the crisis.</li> <li>• Consideration in future of longer-term infrastructure asset financing options, specifically Australian Superannuation Infrastructure Investment Vehicles, a plan supported by the Financial Services Council</li> <li>• Cuts to reduce the use of external consultants which could be used to build in-house expertise and knowledge and deliver longer term structural savings</li> <li>• Senior management wage and bonus freeze in FY21</li> <li>• A practical, no-frills independent efficiency and effectiveness review [i.e. excluding major consultancies] to cut excessive management and ensure alignment with and delivery of the post-Election Council plan.</li> <li>• Council must be flexible and responsive as the pandemic unfolds and communicate deeply with Port Phillip communities about the Budget challenges it faces.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Our budget for 2020/21 is in response to closing a significant financial gap brought upon due to COVID-19 and other risks including rates capping and rising waste costs, while targeting assistance to those who need who need it most. Notwithstanding we have generated a balance budget, achieved by careful prioritisation of our capital works program and \$1.2 million in service level reduction savings, the 10-year Financial Outlook includes a rates cap challenge of \$147 million of which \$75 million is expected to be addressed through ongoing efficiency savings and CX Program benefits. The residual \$72 million will need to be addressed through service level reductions and/or a future waste charge.</p> <p>We have a commitment, under our financial strategy to remain financially sustainable while maintaining assets and services, responding to growth, and delivering on priorities.</p> <p>In terms of borrowings, we will only consider borrowings for property acquisitions, large capital works or operating projects that provide intergenerational community benefit, and initiatives that deliver sufficient revenue streams to service the debt. Borrowings will not be used to fund ongoing operations. In terms of the use of reserves, drawdowns for unbudgeted material expenditure must be matched with planned replenishment over the Plan period or the useful live of the relevant assets.</p> <p>The exercise that the organisation went through regarding savings in salary budgets has been conducted carefully, reviewing the value to all vacant positions. Since the release of the draft Budget, the CEO's recently conducted an operating review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to the significant change to each of the key challenges that are described in our Council plan and these have resulted in a number of negative impacts on our community.</li> <li>• to maximise the benefits for our customers and the organisation from change that was already planned from our investment in the Customer Experience program.</li> <li>• to find both temporary savings to reallocate funds to new priorities and also find permanent savings to address the growing rates cap challenge.</li> <li>• to continue to find efficiency savings beyond incremental change, by holistically reducing duplication and fill gaps in capability &amp; capacity.</li> <li>• enable the organisation to respond to the new Council and the directions that they wish to take in their new Council Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The combined impact of all changes in the Budget is a net decrease of 62 FTEs and \$9.8 million in savings in 2020/21. A pay freeze in 2020/21 also applies to all senior officers. Of the 61 full-time equivalent positions that have been reduced in 2020/21, we are expecting 21 of these positions will be required in 2021/22 as the capital program and service demand ramp up again following recovery from COVID-19.</p>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like Council to address ageing social and physical infrastructure services: upgrade community and Council child care centres to ensure they remain fit for purpose; upgrade and renew libraries, footpaths and drainage – all on the drawing board - through a significant program of investment in these services over the next two years.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>The Budget for 2020/21 includes a \$150,000 initiative within the \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery program to develop and implement with businesses, a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months.</p> <p>To support such an initiative, officers have put forward an option for Councillor consideration.</p>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<p>Wants Council to work closely with trader organisations to ensure that retail shopping strips in the municipality pull through this crisis. This could involve a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rate relief. Council should further consider targeted rate relief for residents and businesses in receipt of JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments</li> <li>• fee relief</li> <li>• co-investment in pop-up activities and collaboration with traders and owners to identify long-term anchor tenants offering services relevant to local residents.</li> </ul>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>The budget includes an extension of our initial rate deferral scheme to commercial ratepayers and their tenants, which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments. Residential ratepayers are able to access an enhanced rate deferral scheme which will allow for rates to be deferred for 6 months and repaid in with 24 monthly instalments. Council does not intend to duplicate support available to individuals through JobKeeper and JobSeeker.</p> <p>Our \$5.6 million Economic and Social Recovery Program includes an initiative to waive Footpath Trading Fees, including outdoor dining, A frames and goods displays until 31 December 2020 to facilitate social distancing.</p> <p>The budget includes \$150,000 towards developing and implementing with businesses a program that supports business to survive and thrive over the coming 12 months. This could include access to information, attraction activities as well as regular engagement with key stakeholders. We are looking to open communication with more of our key industry sectors that drive business and jobs within municipality which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Professional, Scientific and Technical Services incl Computer System Design and Related Services</li> <li>* Finance, Insurance and Superannuation Services</li> <li>* Administrative Services</li> <li>* Building &amp; Construction Services</li> <li>* Food and Beverage Services</li> </ul> <p>The program will leverage the attributes of our municipality to ensure these sectors continue to thrive, be attracted to our community, and provide the desired foot traffic and vibrancy to support businesses and precincts such as retail and personal services. The program will engage and build strong relationships with the local business community so we have a thorough understanding of their needs, wants and access to local data.</p>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council should be vigorously advocating with all local governments in Victoria about the way the sector has been left without sufficient support to deal with the hit to revenues and services caused by the pandemic. Specifically, Council should be highlighting the fact that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Commonwealth Government has deliberately excluded local government from the JobKeeper program</li> <li>o The State Government has not offered a sector specific support or relief package to local government beyond indicating that local government can borrow in order to meet current challenges.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council has developed an advocacy strategy that aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•East-track existing government election funding commitments and projects,</li> <li>•Advocate for new projects across the municipality, and</li> <li>•Respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on council, and plan for recovery from the pandemic.</li> </ul> <p>Current advocacy efforts have focused on working with stakeholders to identify, shape and advocate for funding and projects that will help Council respond to COVID-19. Officers work closely with representatives from other municipalities through organisations such as the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP), Inner Metropolitan Partnership (IMP), the Lord Mayors Forum (+ others) to advocate for shared priorities.</p> <p>For example, in response to the outbreak of COVID and the financial impact on councils, we played an active role advocating for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Municipal Association of Victoria led, state-wide, strategy to address the exclusion of council staff from the JobKeeper scheme,</li> <li>• additional State Government funding to help councils support vulnerable communities through relief coordination,</li> <li>• the deferral and exemptions from State Government levies, such as the landfill and congestion levies.</li> </ul> <p>Council officers are also advocating for local stimulus projects that help navigate the new environment, promoting greater freedom of movement and providing short and long-term jobs in the area. This includes improved and safer roads; improved, safer and additional bike corridors; and, greater tram and bus infrastructure. Council officers are promoting the benefits of these projects to Victorian Government ministers and departments.</p>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It should invest in new social infrastructure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Working with local community housing providers across the City, State and Commonwealth Governments to build new affordable housing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Note request	<p>Council's Affordable Housing Strategy 'In Our Backyard' aims to grow the supply of social and affordable housing to support a diverse community. The strategy includes initiatives to deliver new affordable housing across a spectrum of need, including for households on very low, low and moderate incomes. Specific affordable housing opportunities which Council is currently progressing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Council land in Marlborough Street Balaclava (under a partnership with HousingFirst as Trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust), to deliver 46 units of community housing for very low and low income persons.</li> <li>• A temporary 'pop' up Common Ground housing project and also a permanent Common Ground facility, to provide supported social housing targeted at persons who are sleeping rough.</li> <li>• Negotiating private sector delivery of affordable housing in Fishermans Bend (both social and affordable private rental) under voluntary planning agreements. This has achieved permits that will deliver 65 units of social and affordable housing in four private developments.</li> </ul>

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	o Improvements to waste collections and recycling, including procurement strategies	Note request	Council's Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028 sets out the blueprint for how waste and recycling will be managed both now and in the future. A such, Council will continue to fund our current household waste and recycling collection services, as well as our hard and green waste collection service and our Resource Recovery Centre. We will continue to provide information and education to our community on waste and recycling and trial ways to expand our services further in line with growing community expectations and Victorian Government Policy.
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	o Greater connectivity and reduced congestion through accelerated implementation of Council's Bike Lane program and	Consider for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	<p>Council is committed to delivering a network made up of 11 protected bike routes between 2018 and 2028 within its Move, Connect Live Strategy 2018-28. We are currently exploring opportunities for enhancing protection for people travelling by bike as part of the COVID-19 transport response, focusing on key routes. This includes signposting local routes, public awareness campaign, working with adjoining councils to coordinate efforts and advocating to the Victorian Government to fund temporary protected bike lanes on regionally significant routes.</p> <p>Officers have put forward options for Councillor consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocate to Victorian Government to fund and deliver temporary bike lanes along St Kilda Road. Impact to Council would be \$93,000 in reduced parking revenue due to temporary removal of parking spaces.</li> <li>• allocate \$150,000 (to be funded from the Sustainable Transport Reserve) to develop informal bike riding routes to connect to local shopping strips.</li> </ul> <p>Response to be updated to reflect Council decision on 19 August 2020.</p>
CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	o safer, better maintained foot paths.	Note request	Council takes great pride in maintaining our footpath network, which are subject to scheduled condition inspections. We encourage our community if they have any specific sites of concern to lodge a customer enquiry through our ASSIST service for a specific response.

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CBR-296	Port Phillip Progressive	<p>It should invest in a suite of measures to better prepare Port Phillip for climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A major program to increase tree canopy cover so as to reduce summer urban heat</li> <li>o A major program to improve permeability across the City which would be so crucial at times of extreme weather</li> <li>o Energy efficiency investment to accelerate the retrofit of Council and community assets to drive further reductions in energy costs over time</li> <li>o Leverage Council's know-how &amp; influence to secure renewable energy purchasing agreements with benefits for commercial and industrial sectors</li> <li>o Continued support for the Eco Centre and its building renewal.</li> </ul>	Note request	<p>We manage approximately 46,000 trees in the municipality. The Greening Port Phillip Strategy and Street Tree Planting Program provides details of the targets and actions to increase canopy cover of the City. The Strategy aims to increase canopy cover from 19% in 2017 to 21% by 2027/28, it notes priority streets with minimal canopy cover to be prioritised for future planting. Each year approximately 1,050 trees are planted in streets and parks.</p> <p>The Sustainable Environment Strategy Implementation budget for 20/21 includes a project to investigate ways we can increase permeability on private land, including changes to requirements for new developments. Council increases permeability in our parks, streets, footpaths and car parks through the Greening Port Phillip and Water Sensitive Urban Design programs and through other road maintenance and transport projects.</p> <p>Council has an ongoing program to improve energy efficiency and install renewable energy systems in our buildings. Since 2006, we have reduced our electricity consumption in our buildings and public lighting by approximately 30%. All of Council's electricity now comes from renewable sources. Through the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project, Council partnered with other councils and organisations to commit to purchasing 88 GWh of electricity each year from a purpose-built wind farm in rural Victoria.</p> <p>Council has allocated \$125,000 to the delivery of the Sustainable City Community Action Plan in 2020-21 which includes the delivery of energy efficiency advice and support to residents and businesses, facilitating green loans to businesses and solar grants for low income earners. The Action Plan also includes resources to work in partnership with the community to explore options for renewable energy purchasing agreements.</p> <p>Council has committed \$2.75 million to redevelop the Port Phillip EcoCentre building subject to receiving partnership funding for a further \$2.75 million. The 2020-21 Council budget includes an allocation of \$926,000 to enable construction to commence if partnership funding is received from the Victorian Government or other sources.</p> <p>Council has also committed to a five-year funding agreement with the EcoCentre to support their ongoing program delivery. In 2020-21, Council will contribute \$323,000 to the EcoCentre's volunteering, education and practical action projects.</p> <p>Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the budget for some sustainability projects has been partially deferred. Funding to deliver sustainability projects has been allocated in future years to ensure that we can accelerate progress towards our targets when economic conditions are more favourable.</p> <p>These deferrals have contributed to Council being able to allocate \$5.6 million to an Economic and Social Recovery program for our community in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, including additional funding for social housing, local businesses, vulnerable people and creative industries.</p>

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CBR-297		<p>0 Requests to have lighting installed in Hester Reserve, Port Melbourne. It is a matter of security.</p>	Not recommended for inclusion in Budget 2020/21	Officers are preparing a lighting asset management plan in 2020/21 that will include a 10-year prioritised capital works program based on the condition of existing assets as well as identifying areas requiring new or upgraded lighting. Until that work is done, it is not known when the works at Hester Reserve would take place.
CBR-298	HousingFirst Ltd	<p>Further to the Council Resolution given at the meeting on the 6th March 2019, whereby the City of Port Phillip resolved to: "3.1 Make available up to \$1.5m from the City of Port Phillip Community Housing Fund to be provided as grants to any Registered Housing Agency that is applying in the current round of Victorian Government funding to build and operate social housing within the municipality of Port Phillip." And "3.2 Provides those eligible Registered Housing Agencies a one-off payment not exceeding \$15,000 (exc. GST) per dwelling unit to help fund their application and project".</p> <p>Requests that the above amounts be included within the Budget Plan 20/21 to assist with the funding of the Marlborough Street Project with a contribution of \$690,000 (exc. GST) (\$15,000 x 46 dwellings). The Marlborough Street Project is a key part of the City of Port Phillip's In Our Back Yard Strategy that will see the delivery of 46 new social housing homes within the Port Phillip Housing Trust. The proposed project will not only provide much needed economic stimulus by providing hundreds of jobs in to the economy through its construction. But it will also provide high-quality homes in an area that is close to fantastic amenity that will help ease housing stress that is only further burdened by the current COVID state.</p>	Note request	Council's March 2019 resolution was to make available funds to any Registered Housing Agency applying in the first round of Victorian Government funding to build and operate social housing for delivery of projects within the municipality of Port Phillip. This funding (not exceeding \$15,000 per dwelling unit) was to 'help fund their application project' and was subject that 'the offer can be included in the assessment of the Registered Housing Agencies application'. The Marlborough Street project has been successfully funded without the specific inclusion of these funds during the application and assessment process.